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Carter's criticism of Desai caught by the press microphones

NEW DELHI. — President Carter told Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday that a "cold and very blunt" letter should be sent to Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai because of the Prime Minister's reluctance to accept full international safeguards for nuclear power.

The remark, recorded by sound technicians in the White House press corps, caused a sensation in New Delhi.

After conferring with Desai, Carter was heard to tell Vance: "He's pretty adamant about the nuclear fuel thing...

"When we get back, I think we ought to write him another letter, just cold and very blunt."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell was dismayed when he learned of the recording of the president's words.

He said in a clarifying statement that they had not dealt with the tone of relations with Desai, but pointed to proposed legislation before the U.S. Congress which would restrict the sale of enriched uranium to countries that did not accept international safeguards.

Desai himself told Indian reporters afterwards: "I will not misunderstand Mr. Carter and I am not at all upset about it. His remarks were recorded without notice and this is not fair to him."

However, Carter is fully aware of the recording system, and frequently uses it to his advantage, making remarks or stressing a point he knows will be carried on news agency tickers and radio minutes after he has spoken.

Though embarrassed by his gaffe yesterday, the White House issued a transcript of the recording and made no attempt to censor or suppress it. But before the report was issued, press secretary Powell was dismayed by what he had read and huddled with other officials to draw up an explanation of what the President had in mind.

The U.S. cut off shipments of enriched uranium to India after India, which has not signed the inter-

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Servant prepares to swat fly over the shoulders of President Carter and Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai as the two leaders sat down for working lunch in New Delhi yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

US forming bloc to accept Begin plan as interim

Sharon joining negotiators

By DAVID LANDAU and ANAN SAFADI

The U.S. is seeking to evolve a bloc of moderate Arab and Moslem states that would accept Israel's self-rule proposal for the West Bank as a transitional phase, leading eventually to fuller independence in close linkage to Jordan.

Policy-makers in Jerusalem have so far rejected this approach, maintaining that the Israeli proposal was not meant as a transition, but as an end-goal in itself.

The American efforts — which have already scored apparent success with President Sadat and King Hussein — will be the major topic of discussion at a special cabinet meeting today called to prepare for the next stage of the peace negotiations.

These will resume on January 15, with a political committee sitting in Jerusalem and a military committee in Egypt. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman will head the two Israel teams.

Last night officials confirmed a report that Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, the Chairman of the Ministerial Settlements Committee, would be a member of Israel's political delegation.

A source close to Dayan assured *The Jerusalem Post* that Sharon's appointment — apparently proposed by Premier Menahem Begin — had been made with Dayan's full and unreserved approval. "He actually promoted the idea," the source said.

Meanwhile, cabinet sources would "not confirm or deny" reports that a large-scale plan for additional settlements in Judea and Samaria is due to be presented to the ministers — possibly at today's session. This plan reportedly goes beyond approval of the two latest Gush Emunim settlement undertakings — at Karnei Shomron and Shilo (see column 4).

At the cabinet today, ministers will be faced with two important new developments: Hussein's declared willingness to join the process once "the outline of a solution" is clear, and President Sadat's indication of new flexibility in his interview with "October" magazine (see below)

Coupled with this is the flurry of American diplomatic activity, centring on President Carter's visits to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

The U.S., it is understood, is seeking to move all the parties towards accepting a formula whereby Israel's "self-rule" proposal would serve as a "transitional" phase leading later to a greater degree of independence for the West Bank — but in a close link with Jordan.

Sadat, who stressed in his interview that he had always advocated the link with Jordan, and who exuded optimism despite the differences with Israel, appears ready to adopt that American line of thought. Hussein certainly is, and the Shah of Iran and King of Saudi Arabia may be too. Thus the U.S. would face Israel with a solid and impressive bloc of "moderate" Arab and Moslem countries backing a solution along these lines.

So far, at any rate, policymakers here are resisting this trend.

Premier Begin and his close aides have never been enthusiastic — on ideological grounds — about the "link to Jordan" approach since it would inevitably impinge on Israel's latent claim to West Bank sovereignty. "To understand our attitude, you would have to be a member of Herut," one source close to the Premier explained to *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Nevertheless there are indications within the Begin circle that the self-rule plan, though presented as a final solution, is still capable of develop-

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Desai: Withdrawal key to M.E. peace

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai told President Carter yesterday that lasting peace will come to the Middle East only when Israel withdraws from the territories.

Indian Foreign Secretary Jagat Mehta, reporting on the second round of talks between Desai and Carter, said: "The Prime Minister said lasting peace in the Middle East was possible only on the basis of withdrawal by Israel from the occupied countries."

Mehta said Carter expressed "great admiration" for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiatives. Mehta declined to say whether Desai supported Sadat's trip to Jerusalem.

German Chancellor meets Somali chief in Aswan

ASWAN, Egypt (AP). — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Siad Barre of Somalia met here for about two hours yesterday to discuss Somalia's role in the war-torn horn of Africa.

German officials said the meeting also involved a note of gratitude from Schmidt for Somalia's aid in ending the ordeal of a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner at Mogadishu airport last October.

German sources specified that Barre asked nothing in return for his cooperation with the German anti-terrorism unit which stormed the plane and liberated the hostages while killing three of the four hijackers.

Schmidt is on a holiday in this Nile city, which is to be the site of a brief meeting between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and U.S. President Jimmy Carter tomorrow. (See photo — Page 4)

Barre, on his way home after a Middle East visit, met with Sadat for discussions on the Ogaden issue, Egyptian officials said.

Later, Barre arrived in Khartoum to see Sudanese President Jaafar Numairi, the Sudanese news agency reported. The subject of discussion was not disclosed.

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Anti-Soviet Marxists control Indian state

NEW DELHI (UPI). — An anti-Moscow Communist faction yesterday gained control of an Indian state as U.S. President Jimmy Carter was holding talks with Prime Minister Morarji Desai.

The Communist Party of India — Marxist swept to victory in the eastern Indian state of Tripura in an election for the local state legislative assembly.

The CPM's election victory in Tripura gives the party control over two Indian states, it having won the local elections in West Bengal six months ago.

The CPM is opposed to the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India and supports the Janata Government, headed by Desai.

Major bombing foiled at Egypt's embassy in Bonn

BONN (Reuter). — A time-bomb planted at the Egyptian Embassy here was defused yesterday only two minutes before it was due to explode, police said.

An embassy official foiled the attack after accidentally coming across the package of two kilos of explosives a few metres away from an oil tank in the building's boiler room.

"It was enough to blow the place sky-high," an embassy official commented.

Police said the bomb had apparently been lobbed over a security fence which surrounds the embassy, with the intention of causing maximum destruction by setting the oil tank alight.

When the bundle was discovered at 11.58 a.m. local time, the employee saw that the time fuse attached to it was set for noon — just two minutes later, they added.

The man, who was not named, ripped out the time fuse.

The bomb was large enough to have destroyed buildings in the immediate vicinity of the embassy. After the devices were discovered, police searched the homes of Egyptian diplomats, fearing that other bombs might have been planted. Nothing was found.

The police guard on the embassy was strengthened and investigations into the case were handed over to the national police agency in Wiesbaden.

Stafford Street, near Piccadilly Circus, roped off by London police yesterday after bomb explosion wrecked a car belonging to the Syrian Embassy and killed two Syrian occupants. (UPI telephoto)

Saudis gave Fatah $42m. last year

NICOSIA (AP). — Saudi Arabia gave Yasser Arafat's Fatah terrorist group more than $42m. in 1977, Riyadh Radio said yesterday.

The Saudi state radio said Abu Hisham, the Fatah representative in Saudi Arabia, had revealed the figure on Sunday during a rally in Riyadh to mark the terror group's 13th anniversary.

The Saudi state donated $28m. and "popular committees" contributed another $14m., Abu Hisham said.

PLO sources said the Saudi state grant was the same in 1976.

UK police seek clues in Syrian car bombing

LONDON (Reuter). — British police yesterday tried to reconstruct the last few hours in the lives of two Syrian Embassy staff killed by a car bomb in London on Saturday night.

While colleagues of the dead men were being questioned, forensic experts examined the remains of the blue embassy-owned Volvo in which the two men died.

Medical attache Jawdat Awad, 40, and his driver, Sayez Shibly, 27, were killed instantly when a bomb blew up the car in a side street near Piccadilly Circus in central London.

A police spokesman said today: "We have established as far as we can that the car was stationary at the time of the explosion. What we have not discovered is exactly why it was there at that time. The motive for the bombing is still wide open."

Police are still seeking witnesses who may have seen the Volvo and its occupants shortly before the explosion.

The street in which the car exploded was sealed off yesterday from pedestrians and traffic to aid the search for clues.

Gush Emunim settlers move into Samaria

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim members settled at Karnei Shomron on the Kalkilya-Nablus road on Sunday night, and others will move into Shilo and Haris in Samaria shortly, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The decisions to settle these sites were taken by the Ministerial Committee on Settlement at the end of September and the beginning of October, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said yesterday. The decisions were secret, however, and cabinet sources would not say exactly when the Gush Emunim settlers will move into Shilo, which is halfway between Ramallah and Nablus, or to Haris, near the axis of the projected security road running due east across Samaria from the Petah Tikva area.

The Karnei Shomron group has been living alongside the Ellon Moreh group in Camp Kaddum near Nablus, pending permission to settle at Abu Karnein, where the army has put up a tent encampment and has brought in six caravans for the settlers. Fifteen men have already moved there, and their families will join once more living quarters are made available, a Gush Emunim source reported.

The group which is to settle Shilo is expected to move shortly. However, it is not clear when the group of Russian immigrants which wants to settle Haris will be given the green light.

Gush Emunim protests against the government's peace plan are continuing. It plans to convene Israel's rabbis and heads of Yeshivot within a fortnight to discuss the Jewish law regarding settlement in Eretz Yisrael. On Tu Bishvat it plans a mass march, either to a site in Judea-Samaria or to Sinai, the movement's spokesman Zvi Slonim reported yesterday.

The Gush has rejected Prime Minister Menahem Begin's assurances that the government's peace plan will not harm Jewish settlements in the administered territories.

At Gush Etzion in Judea, meanwhile, settlers have decided to organize a meeting of representatives of all settlements in Israel next Tuesday. The planned protest meeting, at Kfar Etzion, will last a whole day.

In another development, Gush Etzion settlers who voted for the National Religious Party in the May elections have demanded a meeting of the party's central committee to discuss the government's peace plan.

The kibbutz movements affiliated with the Labour Party have meanwhile instructed their members not to cooperate with Gush Emunim. But the directive has not been rigidly adhered to, and representatives of the settlements in the administered territories — except for those affiliated with Mapam's Hakibbutz Hameuhad — met in Ofra at the invitation of the Gush Emunim settlers last Tuesday.

Plan to increase population in western Negev, Yamit area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Plans to double the population of the settlements in and around the Rafiah area were announced yesterday at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive by Ra'anan Weitz, head of the Agency's Settlement Department.

Weitz noted that there are 15 settlements in the area and another five are under construction. The 1,000 families living there at present are to be doubled according to a plan to be presented to the settlers in the area within a few weeks, Weitz said.

The "Southern Project," which calls for 100 settlements to be set up in the western Negev and Rafiah Approaches — despite plans to restore Egyptian sovereignty to territory across the Green Line — will be concentrated in the Yamit area, he said. There and in the new western Negev settlements, 10,000 families will make their living from farming, and another 25,000 breadwinners will work in services. Weitz announced that David Nahmias has been appointed coordinator of the Southern Project.

Weitz also recommended the addition of 1,000 families to the 21 settlements in the lower Jordan Valley, in which 3,500 persons now live. Weitz said there will be no trouble attracting settlers to these areas. In the past week, he said, there have been dozens of requests from prospective settlers. "We must fully support the government in backing the settlers," he said.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Construction and Housing has announced that 125 plots are available in Yamit for private building. Those interested in signing up for the "Build Your Home in Yamit" project may do so until January 31 at the project office in Yamit, on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. till noon.

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Carter to meet Sadat for an hour

ASWAN (AP). — U.S. officials yesterday rejected an Egyptian request that President Carter be given a long, lavish reception with a motorcade when he visits this town of 250,000 in southern Egypt tomorrow.

Egyptian officials, after what was described as a "lengthy debate," agreed to a private meeting between President Sadat and the U.S. leader in a tiny airport lounge.

U.S. officials also managed to keep the visit short, about an hour of actual talks, although Egyptians had asked that Carter remain on their soil for at least "several hours."

"The time factor is not important at all," an official close to Sadat remarked after the decision was made. "They will achieve more in one hour than they would have in three days because they know they have no time to spare and therefore will not deal with superficialities."

Carter will arrive at about 8.50 a.m. tomorrow from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Sadat: Egypt willing to reach compromise

Post Diplomatic Correspondent and agencies

An interview by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo's important "October" magazine has been read with much interest here in Jerusalem because it indicated Sadat's confidence in reaching a compromise between his own and Premier Menahem Begin's positions on Judea and Samaria.

"We should renounce the policy of either getting everything or rejecting everything," Sadat said. "We should get what we can until we can get all that we want. What we lost in years cannot be recovered in a single day.

"We must expect many differences (with Israel) over this Palestinian issue, but I am still optimistic over the outcome of the dialogue that has started with Israel," he said.

Sadat indicated that he was ready to throw his weight behind U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call for a Palestinian homeland tied to Jordan. Diplomatic sources in Cairo said this could provide a breakthrough from the Arab-Israeli logjam about the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Reacting to Carter's latest statements on the Palestinian issue, Sadat said: "I have been calling for the past four years for a link between Jordan and the envisaged Palestinian state."

"At the Ismailiya summit," Sadat added, "we gained a lot of things which were impossible to get so quickly by any other method." He cited Begin's peace plan as an Israeli first, and commended Dayan for flexibility in the negotiations.

This does not mean that the points of difference were few, Sadat said. "They were numerous but they will be subject to discussion and the world will know everything in a matter of weeks."

Asked about conflicting reports from Israel about Begin's peace blueprint, Sadat said: "They have very difficult and very complicated political circumstances in Israel. Any political leader needs to manoeuvre and engage in fierce battles...before he can convince everybody."

Sadat said the principle of Israeli withdrawal from Sinai was decided at "the very first minute" of his summit talks with Begin.

"This is why," he said, "we never discussed Sharm el-Sheikh. Sharm el-Sheikh is Egyptian and will remain Egyptian, just like Cairo," Sadat said.

Bulgarian consul's car bombed in Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A bomb exploded in the car of the Bulgarian consul in Beirut, Ilia Zahov, on Sunday night, security sources said here yesterday.

After the explosion a second bomb was found and defused by explosives experts. The car was parked near Zahov's home in the fashionable Ramleh Beida district of West Beirut.

Artillery clash in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Heavy artillery barrages were heard here last night, apparently from a major battle between Lebanese forces and terrorist positions in Fatahland across the border.

Some of the firing probably occured in and around the Lebanese Druse village of el-Meri, on the slopes of Fatahland.

Adults like school reform, but does it help children?

By SUSAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Parents and teachers of children in the junior high reform seem generally satisfied with it, but there is no evidence that disadvantaged children have done any better under the new system. This is one of the main conclusions in the long-awaited evaluation of the reform, which is to be published soon by the Ministry of Education.

The report is expected to intensify a battle over whether to continue implementing the reform — which is very costly, but which is also, its proponents say, vital for an integrated society.

Interim versions of the report by professors Haim Adler, Arye Levy and Micha Hen, have already been used as ammunition by both opponents and supporters.

Prof. Levy, interviewed yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*, made it clear that the report does not provide a simple answer. The future of the reform, which provides for the transfer of seventh-grade children from elementary schools to large, socially-integrated junior high schools, requires a "political decision," he stressed.

"Research must not be misused," he warned. "We (researchers) can only point out what went well and what went badly." They were not asked whether they thought the school reform should be continued or not, he explained.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who is not promoting the reform at the moment, said earlier this year that he was waiting for this report in order to "re-evaluate the reform." On the other hand, ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli has frequently expressed his determination to fight for the reform.

Many parents, especially in the Tel Aviv region, sought to resist the implementation of the reform during this school year. Religious educators have also expressed opposition, since the problem of social integration in their schools, which have a very high proportion of disadvantaged pupils, is particularly acute.

The study, commissioned five years ago by then Minister of Education Yigal Allon, was designed to evaluate the reform in three areas: achievements in school subjects; the social-psychological outcomes of integration; and the reactions of the adults involved in the reform, such as parents and teachers.

In a sample of 800 parents, most seemed to be satisfied and believed their children benefited from the intermediate schools. The study found that the intermediate schools create stronger contacts with their neighbourhoods than "other frameworks." However, the comparison was made not with the smaller and more intimate elementary schools where the seventh and eighth graders would have remained if not for the reform, but with high schools, which are necessarily more remote.

For example, Levy said, parents at the new Denmark (intermediate) School in Katamon are much more involved in school affairs than parents at Jerusalem's elite Hebrew University or Rehavia Gymnasia secondary schools.

Prof. Micha Hen presents some evidence that there are fewer drop-outs in the reform at grade nine than among pupils who stayed on at elementary school. The ninth grade is still not free and compulsory in Israel although some 85 per cent of pupils remain in school. Though the drop-out difference is only 1 per cent, Levy pointed out that this does represent 500 children who might have left school, but continued in the reform.

However, Levy also found that while weaker pupils may stay on in intermediate schools, counsellors and teachers pressure them much earlier to decide whether to choose

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Snowstorm shuts Hermon ski runs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GOLAN HEIGHTS. — A sudden snow-storm forced the IDF to close down the Mount Hermon ski runs yesterday. An IDF officer said that the site is also shrouded in heavy fog, making skiing impossible.

Crews were, however, working through the night in an effort to clear the road to the site in the event that weather conditions permit skiing this morning.

The operators of the ski-ground told *The Jerusalem Post* that some 10,000 people have visited the site since the season opened two weeks ago. This was somewhat below the numbers in previous years, possibly because the novelty of seeing snow is beginning to wear off for many Israelis, and also because tour operators are offering serious competition in the form of cheap ski holidays in Cyprus, Rumania and Europe.

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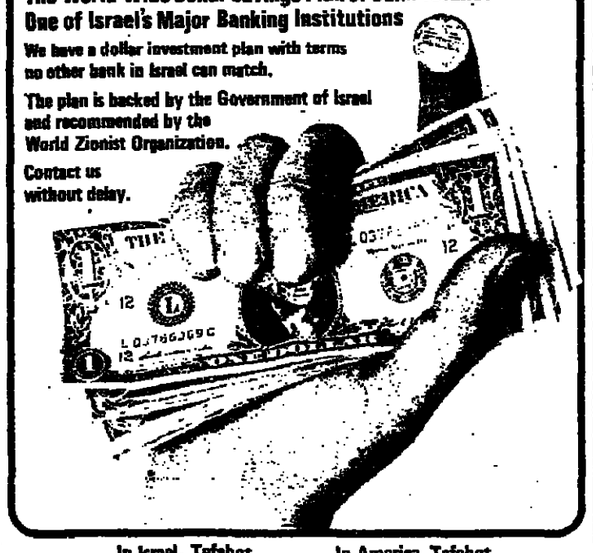

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Haifa Port	82	11—15	13
Tiberias	64	7—16	14
Nazareth	66	8—12	9
Afula	66	5—15	12
Shomron	73	9—11	8
Tel Aviv	66	10—16	14
B-G Airport	63	9—16	14
Jericho	94	6—17	15
Gaza	84	10—15	14
Beersheba	58	7—16	14
Eilat	12	10—23	20
Tiran Straits	12	12—23	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received MP Geoffrey Finnsberg, deputy chairman of the British Conservative Party, at Beit Hanassi. He also received Mexican artist Leonardo Nierman.

B'nei B'rith delegates now in Israel for their convention attended last week the dedication of a community centre, named for the order, in Jaffa's Gimmel quarter.

Prof. Kenneth Warren, head of the division of medical research, Rockefeller Foundation, New York, this week gave a lecture on "Schistosomiasis: An Immunological Disease" at the centre for the study of infectious and tropical diseases of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Sammy Greenspan, "Yediot Aharonot" correspondent and first journalist to travel to Egypt on an Israeli passport, after a month in Cairo.

Rabbi tries to quash radio item on French yeshiva

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Bnei Brak rabbi succeeded last night in holding up an Israel Radio newsreel item. But the report — on an organization that sends needy children from Israel to an ultra-orthodox yeshiva in France where it says conditions are oppressive — may be aired on the morning newsreel at 7 this morning.

Ramat Gan Magistrates Court Judge Reuven Hagin last night issued a temporary injunction at the request of a Tel Aviv lawyer, Dr. Ben-Hur Yemini, barring the radio from airing the yeshiva item. The judge later cancelled the order, when it was brought to his attention that only the High Court of Justice is empowered to issue injunctions against the state Broadcasting Authority.

Radio director Hagai Pinsker said last night that the radio was planning to put the item on its 7 o'clock "This Morning" show.

Reporter Eitan Almog, who wrote the item, said there are now 200 Israeli boys and girls, age 10 and up, at the live-in yeshiva near Paris. The children, he said, were rounded up by certain religious agencies in Israel and sent — at no charge to their parents — to the institution. The bill was footed mostly by a Jewish millionaire in France.

Almog says some of the children have complained, by smuggled-out letters, of harsh punishment, including beatings.

The lawyer who got the magistrate's-court injunction reportedly was representing a Bnei Brak rabbi.

Girl says police beat her up

HAIFA (Itim). — Magistrate Micha Lindenstrauss yesterday ordered a police inquiry into allegations that investigators had beaten up a 19-year-old Kiryat Yam woman suspected of stealing jewelry, cosmetics and a shirt from two American tourists.

The woman, who was released on IL3,000 bail, told the court the incident took place while she was being held at the Yagur lockup here. She denied the alleged theft — although one of the tourists claims to have recognized the missing shirt among her possessions.

Judge Lindenstrauss ordered that the results of the police investigation be presented to him within two weeks.

Woman suspected of killing newborn son

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 19-year-old woman suspected of killing her newborn infant was arrested here yesterday and released on IL3,000 bail.

The woman came to a local hospital for treatment of severe bleeding, which doctors determined was post-natal. Police investigators said that she had given birth, then wrapped the infant in a plastic bag and thrown him into a courtyard, where he died.

Knesset debates transit snarls and auto costs

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday referred to the Economic Committee urgent motions for the agenda dealing with public transportation in the Dan region and the high cost of buying and maintaining a car in Israel.

But Transport Minister Meir Amit, in proposing this disposition of the motions, made it clear that he was much more concerned about the first question than the second.

Gustav Badian (Likud-Liberals) asserted that Israel is the only country in the world in which a private car costs as much as an apartment. The reason for this, he said, is that the tax is 180 per cent of the dealer's price. The high price of replacing a car keeps cars on the roads years longer than is safe, he added.

Amit conceded that 60 per cent of a car's price is tax. And he announced that his Ministry intends to recommend a reduction in the taxes on tires and headlights, and later on spare parts. But, he told Badian: "What you're really proposing is an increase in the number of private cars on the roads." That was precisely what the government does not want, he said.

"We are trying to get private cars off the road and get passengers onto buses," Amit said. He then gave some figures to show why.

A private car's per-passenger "consumption" of road space is 16 times that of a bus and eight times that of a *sherut* taxi. Its foreign-currency consumption per traveller/km is almost 10 times that of a bus and three times that of a taxi. Furthermore, he said, the accident rate for cars per million passenger kms is 13 times that of a bus and 2.5 times that of a taxi.

The motions dealing with bus service in the Dan region were presented by Haim Kaufman (Likud-Herut) and Pinhas Scheinman (*National Religious Party*).

Kaufman proposed that a strong effort be made to get employers and schools to stagger their opening hours to reduce the 7-8 a.m. rush hour. He also urged that special lanes be set aside for public transport, at least during peak hours.

Scheinman emphasised the lack of coordination between the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives, which results in duplication and waste. If the passenger load was too great for Dan to handle, why, he wanted to know, should Egged buses arriving in Tel Aviv from the suburbs not be permitted to pick up passengers within the city?

The minister agreed that there was plenty of room for better coordination between the two cooperatives. It did not make sense for a crowded Dan bus to by-pass a stop without taking on passengers, only to be followed by a half-empty Egged bus which was not allowed to take them.

But there were many budgetary difficulties, he said, and no quick solutions should be anticipated.

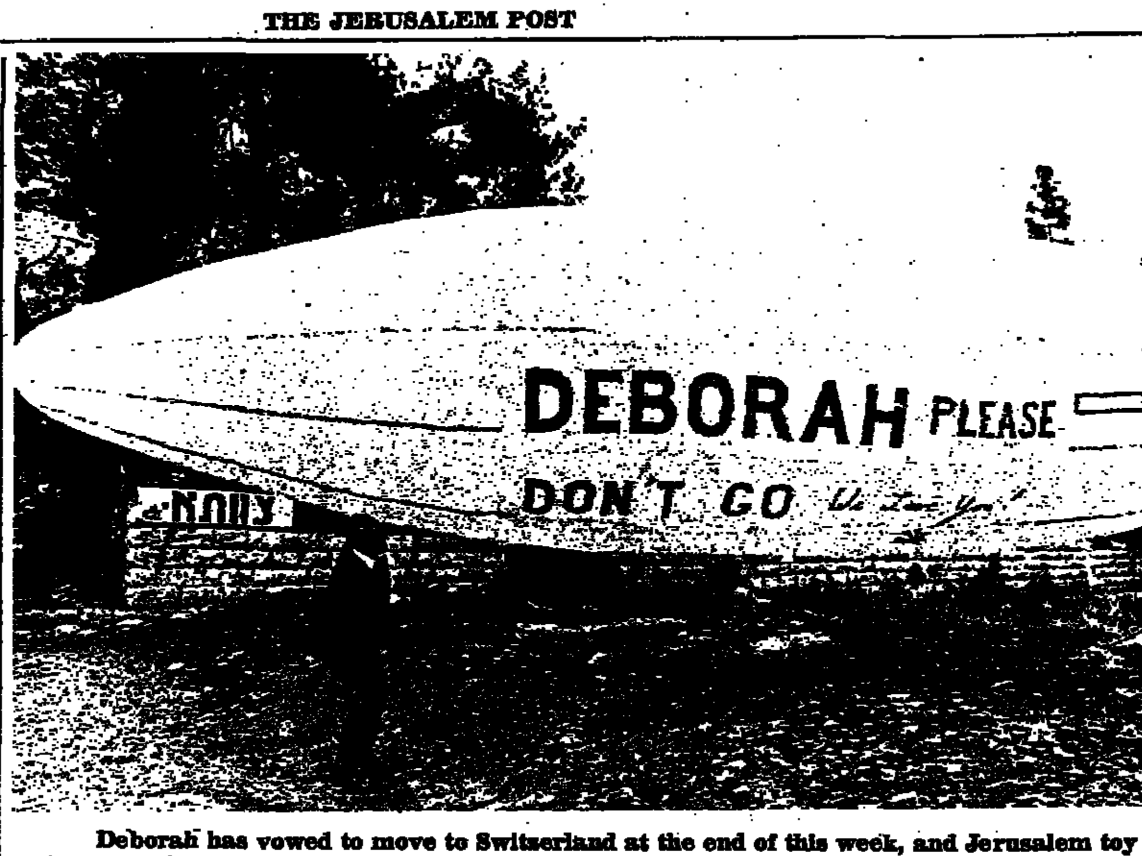
Giving an example of the financial problems of bus service, he said that the new central bus station in Tel Aviv, whatever its merits or demerits, would cost another IL750m. to complete.

Some problems were easier to solve, he went on. The special lane for buses instituted in Jaffa's Sderot Yerushalayim had worked a revolutionary change, and this sort of thing should be expanded. Benefits could also be expected were private cars forbidden to enter the city, as foreign cities such as Singapore had discovered.

The Minister agreed with Kaufman that staggered hours for work and school would be a great thing. But Ministry officials had told him that for years they had tried unsuccessfully to get the Education Ministry to have classes begin an hour later. Pupils constitute 20 per cent of bus travellers in the peak hours, Amit said, and "this is a subject worth examining once more."

He agreed with Scheinman that too many bus drivers were discourteous. He thought part of the reason was their anonymity.

At Amit's suggestion the Ministry had requested the bus cooperatives to post the name of the driver in every bus. But the drivers were dead set against the idea. Amit said he was prepared to incur the drivers' wrath on this matter, and he hoped that the public would support him.



Deborah has vowed to move to Switzerland at the end of this week, and Jerusalem toy manufacturer Mitchell Williams has vowed to keep her here. Yesterday he floated this message on his hand-made 8.5-metre gas balloon in a lot on Jerusalem's Rehov King George, and despite the wind and a small puncture caused by a stone, has promised to re-float his balloon each morning this week until Deborah changes her mind.

(Rahamim Yisraeli)

Severe cost-cutting urged to rescue Arkia airlines

Post Knesset Reporter

"The serious situation of Arkia" — Israel's internal airline — was the subject of three urgent motions for the agenda presented to the Knesset yesterday. At the suggestion of Transport Minister Meir Amit, they were referred to the Economics Committee.

A committee has been working on a short-run solution — and its report is to be made public today, Amit told the committee. Aimed at improving Arkia's financial position and efficiency, this recommends selling off part of the company's equipment and reducing its manpower.

For the long run, Amit said, a roof-company for both internal and overseas airlines might be a good idea. A committee headed by former Air Force chief Dan Tolkowsky was already working on this comprehensive concept, and its report should be in by April 1.

In the debate, Avraham Sharir (Likud-Liberals) thought the central problem was Arkia's ownership structure: it was owned 50-50 by the Histadrut and El Al. The Histadrut had no business owning an airline, he said, and El Al was exploiting its ownership to thwart Arkia's development.

Amos Hadar (Alignment) agreed with Sharir with respect to El Al. He thought it "inconceivable" that the managing director of El Al should be chairman of Arkia's board of directors, "dictating" to it which lines to fly and which not.

Amit said in his reply that the ownership aspect was irrelevant, certainly insofar as the Histadrut was concerned. "El Al — maybe yes," he added.

The most recent work-contract Arkia signed must bear part of the blame for its shaky position, the Minister said. Whereas in 1975 labour accounted for 25 per cent of the firm's costs, in 1977, under the new contract, it accounted for 46 per cent, he said.

Knesset rejects motions on diamond-men's incomes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday rejected two urgent motions for the agenda protesting an alleged agreement between the income tax authorities and diamond manufacturers and dealers on the calculation of their taxes for the 1975 and 1976 tax years.

The motions were submitted by Naftali Feder (Alignment-Mapam) and Meir Pa'il (Shelli). Both were based on a newspaper report that claimed diamond men were being taxed too lightly.

Deputy Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin replied that a committee appointed to reach agreement with the diamond industry on the keeping of books had recently submitted its recommendations, but that these were not unanimous.

In the absence of such bookkeeping, some other basis of calculating income had to be found. That agreed on for 1975 and 1976 was by and large a fair reflection of actual income, Flomin said, although for some individuals true income might have been higher and for others lower.

Flomin added that the news item referred to had contained many inaccuracies.

The Ministry was firm in its resolve to get the diamond men to keep books, Flomin said, adding that he hoped for Treasury directives on this subject in a few weeks or, at most, months.

Yeroham has no doctor

By ZVI ABENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YEROHAM. — This Negev development town of 7,500 inhabitants was on strike yesterday in protest against the lack of a resident doctor. There is no doctor here on night duty, and doctors come here from other settlements to work at the Kupat Holim during the day.

Local Council head Moshe Peretz said last night that stores, factories and schools had been closed all day in protest. A Russian immigrant doctor lived in Yeroham for four months, but he apparently did not get along with the local population — mainly North African immigrants — and he has been relocated.

Peretz said he has been meeting with officials of the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim in order to find a solution. But "when they threw up their hands in desperation recently," he said, he decided to call a general strike.

A spokesman at the ministry said yesterday that there is no legal way to obligate a doctor to move to Yeroham and no doctors have been found willing to volunteer for service here. The ministry issued a special plea to Israel's doctors asking for a candidate to remedy the situation.

(An announcement on the subject appears as an advertisement on this page).

Until a permanent solution is found, the ministry has asked the army to assign a doctor to Yeroham during the day. A Beersheba doctor last night volunteered for one night's duty, but a permanent solution is still being sought.

Peretz said the settlement would like to have a doctor come for at least a year, but would prefer two or three years' service so the doctor could get to know his patients. Doctors interested in volunteering, even for a short time, are asked to contact Dr. Viola Tourek at the Beersheba Health Ministry office: Tel. 057-77728 or 33901.

According to the Health Ministry spokeswoman, a special rate of about IL800 will be paid for night duty in Yeroham.

The director of health services for the Negev, Prof. M. Prywes, said yesterday that Negev doctors are meeting now to organize a one-month rotation service for Sderot, Dimona and Yeroham.

3,280 MARKS and IL3,000 in cash were stolen late Sunday night from the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion, police said yesterday. The money belonged to Emmanuel Jacob, a resident of the abbey.

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RACHEL (Sely) SILBERMAN

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Her Sons, Uri and Amihai Silberman
and their families
Her Brother, Ely Weiss and Family
and relatives

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'Sexopath' convicted on five counts of rape

Shlomo Haliwa, an Acre man who sent shivers through the country's women during the week he was on the loose after escaping from police custody 14 months ago, was convicted in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday on five counts of rape.

The charges against Haliwa, which described the five rape incidents in great detail, revealed a remarkably consistent pattern in the rapist's behaviour. He would strike up an acquaintance with a young woman — usually at a bus stop or a hitch-hiking station — and then entice his intended victim into accompanying him to a secluded spot where he would rape her under threat of a knife or, in one case, a rifle.

All five victims — who included two Americans — told the police that Haliwa, after threatening and raping them, had apologized profusely. He even offered one girl a IL100 note to keep quiet about the incident, explaining that "I shouldn't have done what I did."

Haliwa was eventually arrested at the Maccabiah Village hotel near Ramat Gan, after having been on the rampage for one week. In court he admitted the facts in the charge sheet, but pleaded "not guilty." He told the court that his alleged victims had "cooperated" with him, had even "seduced" him.

Expert witnesses told the court that Haliwa was a "sexopath" — a man who suffered from a stronger-than-normal sex drive and who felt no guilt for his actions even though he understood he was transgressing the law. One psychiatrist explained his condition as follows: Haliwa "was afraid of sex and afraid of getting women pregnant, so he preferred to have sex with strange women, enjoying the use of force which gave him a feeling of being in control."

The prosecution, rejecting defence counsel's assertion that Haliwa was "irresponsible" for his actions, claimed that he "knew perfectly well" what he was doing and was therefore "punishable."

Judges Yehuda Cohn, Elazar Halevy and Ezra Hedaya rejected Haliwa's account of the incidents as "inconsistent," and accepted that of the five victims. They agreed, however, to postpone sentencing for three weeks to enable his family to submit a medical brief. (Itim).

Rapist Shlomo Haliwa, with beard and skull-cap acquired during the 14-months since he was arrested on five counts of sexual assault, being brought into the Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

(Rahamim Yisraeli)

Jerusalemites asked to look for signs of missing boys

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police last night called on local residents to examine all *empty rooms, cellars and storage* areas near their homes to determine if they have been used by two young boys who have been missing since Friday.

Zaish (Haim) Dadon, 8, and Sami Minter, 7, live in the Kiryat Yovel quarter's Rehov Stern, where they were known for scavenging in dustbins. Eyewitnesses reported seeing them on Saturday, but sightings fell off Sunday and yesterday. The police believe the two are afraid of being punished and are hiding.

At the same time the police also asked Jerusalemites to report any incidents of food or clothing being stolen. They feel that this might help them to trace the route which the two took.

The searchers, made up of police, border police, civil guards, soldiers and volunteers, were supplemented yesterday by some 650 pupils from eight high schools. Local police also met with officials from the national police command to plan strategy for continuing the search.

The police said they would not give up the search until they knew what had become of the children. At the same time there were fears that the two small boys could not survive the cold winter nights.

The police last night also contacted the *mukhtars* (headmen) of Arab villages in the Jerusalem area, asking them to explain to their neighbours so that they can be on the lookout for the boys.

Zaish is 1.40 metres tall, thin, has brown hair and eyes, a pale complexion and a scar on his chin. He was last seen wearing a light sweater and green trousers. Sami is 1.10 metres tall, is thin with dark eyes and black hair, and has a pale longish face with high forehead. He was last seen wearing jeans, a coloured shirt, green striped sweater and rubber boots.

Navon: I'm not a candidate

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Yitzhak Navon (Alignment) issued a private statement in the Knesset lobby yesterday declaring flatly, "I do not regard myself as a candidate for the next presidential elections."

President Ephraim Katzir, whose five-year term of office comes to an end in May, has announced that he does not want to stand again, and will return to his scientific research.

Navon wrote that he was displeased with the movement afoot to put his name forward for the presidential elections. "It was done without my knowledge, although I do not cast any doubts on the good intentions of the organizers," he said.

Knesset members who are close to Navon recall that on two previous occasions his name was put forward for high posts, but that the movements to elect him proved abortive. Once it was for Knesset speaker, and once for president of the State. On both occasions leaders of his own Labour Party put a spoke in his wheel. Now Navon has reportedly decided he won't play Aunt Sally.

Joshua Brilliant adds:

Some members of the Likud's Herut Movement are insisting that Israel's next president be a Herut member, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Their demand will be discussed by the party's executive on Wednesday.

The Herut members argue that the presidency is a political appointment: just as the posts of prime minister and Knesset speaker are held by Herut members, they say, so must the presidency.

But Liberal Party leader and Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has said that Liberal leader Elimelech Rimalt is the best candidate.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin would like a Sephardi to win the appointment, but so far has mentioned no names.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Jerusalem Cinematheque is pleased to announce that it is resuming film screenings on Wednesday, January 4 with:
4.00 — A children's film — 80 Steps for Jonah
7.00 — Le camion — Duras
9.30 — Lies My Father Told Me — Kadar

On Thursday, January 5 there will be a special screening of two new Australian films:
7.00 — Caddie; 9.30 — Summer of Secrets

Screenings: Beit Agron, 37 Rehov Hillel

Coalition chief hails ILP bid to join

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The proposal by Independent Liberal Party leader Gideon Hausner that his one-man faction leave the opposition and join the coalition has produced a positive reaction from coalition chairman Haim Corfu.

Hausner made his proposal last Thursday, urging that the ILP set up a small committee to study ways and means of joining the coalition. The ILP is to vote on this study committee plan on January 12.

At yesterday's meeting of the coalition executive Corfu said that Hausner should be co-opted to the executive forthwith, without waiting for the long and laborious contacts involved in actually becoming a part of the coalition. The Democratic Movement for Change and National Religious Party representatives on the coalition body said they would have to refer this idea back to their factions first.

Hausner told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he appreciated Corfu's proposal very much, as a friendly gesture, of which he had known nothing beforehand. He very much hoped the ILP would decide to join the coalition, since in his view it was wrong to stand in political isolation while crucial national decisions were being taken.

Hebron notable shot to death

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A member of the prominent Ja'abari family of Hebron was shot to death yesterday in what is believed to be an accident.

Police said that Bajes Amin el-Ja'abari, 34, was one of six Hebron residents who went hunting in the open country between Hebron and nearby Yatta village. The group carried a number of weapons and, according to the other participants, one went off, killing Ja'abari.

Police said they have no reason to doubt the witnesses, but are still bound to conduct an investigation. Last night it was still uncertain whether the body would be taken for examination to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir.

Ja'abari was a cousin of Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, former mayor of Hebron.

Golda doing better

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — Golda Meir's condition is improving, and if it continues to improve at the same rate she may be discharged at the end of the week, Prof. Ciro Servadio, medical director of the Beilinson Medical Centre here, announced yesterday.

A limited number of visitors were admitted to see the former prime minister yesterday, and she spent some time "strolling" in the corridors, he said.

The present series of tests will include several x-rays.

Nuf said...

HAIFA (Itim). — Asef Nuf of Usf[iya] says he came home late one nig[ht] and found Amin Zuheir e-Din hid[ing] in a closet, holding his shoes in h[is] hand. Zuheir e-Din had been in b[ed] with Nuf's wife, Nuf says, so he be[at] Zuheir e-Din to a pulp.

Zuheir e-Din sued Nuf for sland[er] after his story got around, and [he] won. But District Court Judge Ar[...] Rabinowitz yesterday award[ed] Zuheir e-Din only IL7,500 in damag[es] — on the grounds that the story h[ad] done very little damage to h[is] reputation.

Nuf's wife didn't sue for t[he] damage to her reputation, but s[he] has since got a divorce from her hu[s]band.

On the night of November 10, 197[7] Nuf claims, he came home aft[er] midnight and rang the bell. It to[ok] his wife 10 minutes to open the do[or] he says, so once inside he went to t[he] cupboard and found Zuheir e-Din [—] a local villager — cowering insid[e]. He beat the bedroom maraud[er] soundly, Nuf says, and then ran [to] his in-laws' home to tell them t[he] story.

On the way he ran into a poli[ce] patrol and told them his tale instea[d]. They drove over to Zuheir e-Din['s] home and found him there. But t[he] only sign of violence on e-Din's bo[dy] was a shaving cut.

Zuheir e-Din and Nuf's wife deni[ed] the whole story, and Judg[e] Rabinowitz called it slander.

But the judge noted that the plai[n]tiff was still a young bachelor. H[e] could not name any friends who ha[d] deserted him, and he appeared to [be] working and enjoying his leisu[re] time as other young people d[o], Rabinowitz said.

Zuheir e-Din's reputation does n[ot] appear to have suffered, the judg[e] concluded, nor does it seem that h[is] chances of finding a bride hav[e] diminished.

The moral of the story: Let slee[p]ing wives lie, and let young men blo[w] their own horns.

Meshel wants tax brackets linked to inflation rate

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-Gener[al] Yeroham Meshel sent a letter [to] Finance Minister Simha Ehrli[ch] yesterday demanding that incom[e] tax brackets immediately be a[d]justed fully to the rate of inflation, [to] prevent the effective tax rate fro[m] rising faster than the cost of livin[g].

Contacted by *The Jerusalem Po[st]* last night, Deputy Finance Minist[er] Yehezkel Flomin said he oppos[es] any adjustment in the tax bracke[ts] before the next C-o-L adjustmen[t] which is due in April.

Incomes are adjusted at lea[st] semi-annually, as prices rise, but i[n]come tax brackets are not. [S]workers in the medium-incom[e] range frequently find themselves i[n] a higher tax bracket after a cost-o[f-]living wage increment. Mesh[el] wants the tax brackets linked 100 pe[r] cent to the cost of living.

Meshel said the middle-cla[ss] wage-earner suffers most becau[se] his take-home pay "has eroded as [a] result of the marginal income tax b[e]ing charged."

Calculations made at the Treasur[y] indicate that adjusting the ta[x] brackets this month would bring th[e] tax-credit point (for tax-exemptio[n] purposes) up to IL207 from the pr[e]sent IL177. The ceiling on the fir[st] tax bracket — the 25 per ce[nt] category — would rise to IL5,1[...] from the present IL4,500.

Cheaper El Al fares to Europe

Some El Al flights to Europe w[ill] be cheaper for Israelis from April [...] following a request to the carri[er] from Transport Minister Meir Am[it].

The fares will be reduced by 20 p[er] cent, making them equivalent [to] fares offered by other lines, pa[r]ticularly to France, England and It[a]ly.

Amit's request was based on fi[n]dings of the Planning and Economi[c] branch of the ministry.

Fined for hiking prices on car spares

The Mem-Gal car supplies fir[m] was fined IL8,000 and one of [its] agents IL4,000 for charging gross[ly] inflated prices to a Jerusalem ga[r]age.

The Magistrate's Court in t[he] Capital found that the firm had bill[ed] the garage IL1,772 for a part reta[il]ing at IL845, and IL461.50 for anoth[er] part retailing at IL350. (Itim)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Appeal to Doctors to come to the aid of Yeruham

The Ministry of Health appeals to doctors in this country to come to the aid of the town of Yeruham.

This town of 7500 people is without a resident doctor, and there is no doctor to provide medical services during the evening and at night.

All efforts to find a resident doctor to provide medical treatment have failed.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Health is making this appeal to doctors, in the hope that one of them will come forward to provide medical services from today, in the evening and at night, even for a limited period.

Doctors willing to answer this appeal are asked to contact Dr. Tourek, Beersheba District Doctor, Tel. 057-77728, 057-33901.

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Huge shopping centre opens in Capital today

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Clal Centre, destined to be the biggest commercial complex in the country when completed, officially opens today in Jerusalem's Jaffa Road (near Mahaneh Yehuda).

The half-finished structure will contain 53,000 square metres of commercial, office and hotel space. Its construction provides Jerusalem with its first modern shopping centre, and marks a distinct shift of the central business district away from the Old City and towards the western entrance to the capital.

The first stage of the complex will contain 150 stores — as many as are now located along the inner sides of Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda-Jaffa-King George downtown triangle of streets. The number will be doubled in the second and final stage.

The centre consists of a four-storey commercial deck (one storey underground), out of which rises an office building consisting of another 14 storeys. A 13-storey hotel will be added in the second stage.

The centre will also contain a 700-seat cinema, the first to be built in the city since the Jerusalem Cinema was built in Kiryat Yovel two decades ago. Three underground floors of parking space will accommodate 900 vehicles — twice as many as can park in the lot below Jaffa Gate.

Two shops have already opened in the last two months, despite the intensive construction activity. Others are to begin moving in shortly after today's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The cinema is to open within a month. The office building is to begin receiving its first occupants by next October.

At the heart of the first stage is a small open-air plaza which the centre's architect, Dan Eitan, hopes will be used for concerts, street theatre and other "happenings." His own contribution to a festive atmosphere is a glass-enclosed elevator at one end of the octagonal plaza which will carry passengers out of the depths of the parking area to the top of the commercial deck.

The complex, which covers 19 dunams, is built on the site of the old Alliance school built in 1892. The Alliance Israelite Universelle sold the property to Clal in a deal which gave it some of the space in the centre. The rental income from that space will be used to finance the educational network's operations all over the country.

The original metal gate to the school grounds, bearing the Alliance name and date of founding is being preserved along with a section of stone wall on either side — at the municipality's request. It will be shifted back from Jaffa Road, which is to be widened at this point. Some memento of the school's history may also be set up in the plaza.

The complex is to include a tunnel under Jaffa Road and a bridge across Rehov Kiah, both for pedestrians. The tunnel, which will be lined with stores, will link the heart of the centre with Davidka Square (Kikar Haherut). Its exit will be near the cinema on the bottom floor of the complex.

The bridge will link the main part of the centre with low-rise commercial structures to be built on the other side of Rehov Kiah. This section will connect directly with the centre of the Mahaneh Yehuda market via a new opening to be created after a banana stall there is moved. The developers expect lively traffic between the old produce market and the modern commercial centre.

The 350-room hotel is to be built on the eastern edge of the site, after an existing two-storey building is demolished. (Besides the Alliance school, which is now the Rene Cassin School in Ramat Eshkol, 20 families and commercial enterprises were relocated from the site and six others remain to be relocated.)

Construction of the final stage of the project is scheduled to begin in the spring and to be completed in three years, according to project manager Amnon Eisenberg.

A proposal by Clal to build a third high-rise building at the Agrippas Street edge of the site was rejected by the municipality because the traffic it would have generated would have overburdened the narrow street. In addition, the building's bulk would have overwhelmed the low, turn-of-the-century neighbourhoods on the other side of Agrippas.

Three of the 14 floors in the office building have been purchased by the government and a fourth by the municipality. Four-fifths of the office space has already been sold, according to Eisenberg. The price is IL8,500 per square metre. Most of the commercial space has also been sold, at prices ranging from IL20,000 to IL35,000 per square metre.

Although the complex is considered too large by some planners, it was approved in 1965 when the city was eager to attract developers. Its construction is expected to generate new building activity in the area.

Workers yesterday put finishing touches to area outside Clal building in Jerusalem. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Bonnefous named French envoy here

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Marc Bonnefous was named as France's new ambassador to Israel today by the government gazette, "Le Journal Officiel."

Bonnefous, 54, comes to Israel after serving for the past five years as inspector of diplomatic and consular posts. He went on a special mission to Uganda in 1976 during the hijacking of the Air France airbus whose passengers and crew were freed by an Israeli commando force.

Previously Bonnefous served as ambassador to the ex-French Congo and as a diplomat in Morocco, Peru, and Algiers. His predecessor in Israel, Jean Herly, is expected to be appointed shortly as ambassador to Morocco.

Escape bid foiled

A murder suspect tried to escape from his police guard as he was being led into a Jerusalem court yesterday afternoon.

Salman Abu Majd, who is suspected of murdering two persons, shook off his guards and jumped out of a window as he was being led along the corridor of the courthouse. He was immediately recaptured, handcuffed, provided with a reinforced escort, and brought back into the court for the hearing of his case.

NA'AMAT and the local labour council are sponsoring counselling groups for parents in Ramat Hasharon. The groups, led by therapists from the Adler Institute in Tel Aviv, meet at the community centre in Kedma.

Tel Aviv seeks gov't funds to save Kikar Hamedina

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — City Hall is looking for government grants to prevent Kikar Hamedina from being turned into a giant commercial centre in the heart of residential North Tel Aviv.

A number of government ministers, including Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, are expected to be the city's guests next week and will be approached on this matter, municipal sources said yesterday.

The city is fighting an uphill battle in its attempt to keep the empty 53-dunam circular plot from being built up. Half the land (27 dunams) is owned by private investors, whose plans for extensive housing and commercial projects in the circle were approved by the previous municipal administration of Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat's administration managed to reverse the old plans, with an eye to turning the area into a park or, at worst, allowing four narrow apartment towers to go up in the otherwise-open circle. The owners, however, say they are not interested in any construction which does not include a profitable commercial centre. Should this be banned, they will demand over IL200m. in compensation.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the City Executive recently rejected a compromise proposal which would have allowed the construction of a 20,000-dunam commercial centre — but underground, leaving the surface for the apartment towers and park.

Most of the Executive members noted that the area of the commercial centre in that plan includes as much business space as all of Tel Aviv's Allenby Road. This would be a death blow to the residential section and would result in a further out-of-town exodus, they said. Opposition to the plan was so fierce that it never even came up for a vote.

This leaves the city with the problem of how to raise the compensation money demanded by the landowners. The city will try to raise some money privately, but the bulk will have to come from public funds.

"A source close to the mayor admitted yesterday that this would not be easy.

"Obviously we will be told that the country has more pressing needs. But the quality of life in Tel Aviv is at stake," the source said.

Akim: retarded people need neighbours, too

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If 1,500 persons were put in prison without trial, the country would be up in arms. But the general public is oblivious — except when there are scandals — to the hundreds of retarded men and women segregated in closed institutions, though many of these could live productive lives in the community.

This complaint came yesterday from the leaders of Akim, the organization which promotes the rights of the retarded. Akim's annual fund-raising drive begins today, but at the news conference held here yesterday the group's leaders were even more eager for public acceptance of the retarded than for cash contributions.

Much of the news conference was devoted to Akim's response to the Bank-Mikkelson report, submitted a year ago (but published by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs only recently) by a Danish expert on retardation. Akim officials say their pressure brought about publication of the report.

The report says basically what Akim has been saying for years, they stated: That the retarded, insofar as they are able, should live in the general community, receiving the special services they need. Akim builds hostels where retarded young adults able to work can live in the mainstream of society. But each time such a hostel is built — the neighbours object.

"Bank-Mikkelson proves in his report that it is cheaper to keep the retarded in the community than it is to hold them in large, segregated institutions," Yitzhak Shemer of the Akim board of directors said. "In principle, everyone agrees — including the ministry. But nothing is being done to implement a community-based programme."

Both the report and Akim put some of the blame on the communications media. "All the papers wrote about Beit Tina (a home where many retarded children have died), but nobody comes to write about our successful hostels," Shemer said.

"The people who objected to our hostel in Neve Zahala now say we are their best neighbours, but the press doesn't write about that. When two retarded young people gave President Katzir a gift last week, made with their own hands in an Akim sheltered workshop, the papers weren't interested."

The result, he said, is that the public doesn't know what the retarded can do — "only the bad things which are done to the retarded." So the old wives' tales about the retarded being mentally ill, sex fiends, criminals, and so forth continue to survive. So does the fear that retardation will "rub off" on the so-called "normal" population.

Apparently, even representatives of the press are not immune to fear and prejudice about retardation. After an hour of explaining how the retarded can and should live in the community, Shemer was asked why Akim doesn't build hostels and other facilities for the retarded "in nice places like Galilee where there are empty spaces and no neighbours to complain."

"For the simple reason that the retarded are as entitled to have neighbours — to live among the rest of us — as you or I," Shemer replied.

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Brief pre-dawn burial for Jerusalem suicide sisters

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a 15-minute ceremony attended by family and a few friends and neighbours, Hanna and Esther Horowitz, who died in an apparent suicide pact on Sunday, were buried before dawn yesterday.

The funeral took place in Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot Cemetery. According to hassidic practice, deceased children of surviving parents are buried before a night passes.

At first the family feared that the police would not release the bodies for immediate burial. However, the family received the bodies shortly after midnight.

An official of the hassidic community burial society said that the burial took place within the cemetery. A member of another burial society explained that the custom of burying suicides outside the cemetery walls is rarely followed, as those in charge almost always find some mitigating circumstances.

Yesterday dozens of curious onlookers gathered around the Horowitz home in Rehov Imrei Bina in the capital's Kiryat Zans Quarter.

Neighbours said that the Horowitz girls had tried to break out of the ultra-orthodox atmosphere of the area. They said that many had not even known that the 19-year-old Hanna had been in the army. She, they explained, would leave the house daily in civilian clothes and then change into her uniform at the base. (Most girls from ultra-orthodox families do not serve in the army.)

The neighbours also told how Hanna and her sister Esther, 23, who had not served in the army, collected posters of film stars, symbols of another world. The two were also said to be incessant readers. In a short will, one of the sisters left her large collection of books to a local library.

They also left letters in which they quoted lines from a poem by Oscar Wilde which suggested that they were seeking a happier life. However, the neighbours could not explain why the two would want to do away with themselves.

Evangelicals to gather in Capital to support Israel

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin is scheduled to address evangelical Christians holding an International Congress For the Peace of Jerusalem in the capital at the end of the month.

One of the organizers of the congress, Dr. G. Douglas Young of Jerusalem, noted at a press conference yesterday that American evangelicals constitute a pro-Israel body far greater in size than the Jewish community in the U.S. Young said they were increasingly translating their support of Israel into overt political action. He pointed to recent advertisements taken out in leading American newspapers and to the scheduled congress as indications of this new activism.

"Time" magazine last month estimated in a cover story that there were 45.5 million evangelicals on U.S. church rolls, a figure outmatched only by the Roman Catholics (49 million). The magazine defined evangelicals as "basically conventional Protestants who hold staunchly to the authority of the Bible in all matters."

Support of Israel is the one area "in which politics and religion dovetail" for evangelical Christians, according to Rev. Young, who is the founder of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mount Zion.

Some 350 evangelical leaders from the U.S. and other countries are expected to attend the four-day congress, which opens January 31 at the Diplomat Hotel. The event is meant to coincide with Israel's 30th anniversary year.

In addition to the prime minister, his adviser on information, Shmuel Katz, will also address the congress. Other speakers include the Rev. Chuck Smith, to whom "Time" devoted a large part of its article, Dr. Israel Carmona of Biola College and Dr. Arnold Olson, past president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The aim of the congress, according to Rev. Young, is to show the evangelicals' solidarity with Israel and to encourage delegates to pursue pro-Israel activity in their home countries.

Bakery closed for flies and filth

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A magistrate here yesterday ordered the Arye bakery at 26 Rehov Shibolim here closed down, and fined the managers IL23,000 for "intolerable filth" found during repeated examinations there.

Inspectors found hundreds of flies sitting on dough, walls covered with dirt and mould, filthy machinery and ovens, and slivers of glass from broken windows about to fall into the dough. Dough and yeast were not kept in the refrigerator, and the rest rooms had no toilet paper, soap or towels. On one visit inspectors found contaminated bread.

The bakery continued to operate despite an administrative closing order from the Health Ministry's regional office.

Does school reform help children?

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academic streams. The report also shows increased anxiety among intermediate pupils. Levy said yesterday that weaker pupils in an intermediate school might have had better chances of success had they stayed on at elementary school and proceeded to a less demanding secondary school.

In such lower-standard secondary schools, Levy said, every effort is made to get at least some pupils through the *bagrut* (matriculation examination). Thus, the reform may fail to achieve one of its original aims — that of ensuring that more children from disadvantaged backgrounds get to university.

Today, only 15 per cent of undergraduates are of Oriental origin, and according to the Ministry of Education, more than half of the Oriental population is defined as "disadvantaged."

Social mixing between the mainly middle-class Ashkenazi and mostly-disadvantaged Oriental pupils was examined only within the school and no attempt was made to discover if there was mixing after school hours. Although efforts have been made to integrate children from different backgrounds in the intermediate schools, 20 per cent of the schools are still totally homogeneous, Levy admitted yesterday.

Only 56 per cent of pupils at junior high age are *not* defined as disadvantaged. This makes the "ideal" integration ratio of 60 advantaged to 40 disadvantaged in a classroom arithmetically impossible. The problem is intensified, Levy said, because advantaged children are almost entirely concentrated in certain geographic areas. The arithmetic problem is most acute in state religious schools, where 90 per cent of the pupils are of Oriental origin.

Regarding specific educational achievements, Levy said, "We didn't find any indication of greater progress in the intermediate schools as compared to other frameworks." There was, he said, "a slight advance" in reading and maths, but he did not regard this as very significant. In English, which disadvantaged children generally find among the most difficult subjects, they actually did worse.

However, Levy said he still feels that "the reform and the teaching methods involved (such as afternoon tutorials) have a higher potential for raising achievements than other schools." He pointed out that the new teaching techniques are in their early stages and that "there are still no clear guidelines on how to deal with low achievers in the intermediate schools."

One of the problems about the reform, Levy pointed out, was "the public's expectations." Excessively high standards are perhaps being demanded from these schools, and it is unfair to compare them with high schools, which are traditionally selective. Low achievers who are in intermediate schools would never have got into many of the high schools in Israel, Levy pointed out.

However, he said his own observations indicated that "the intermediate schools are more concerned with the high achiever. They protect his interests rather than those of the low achiever."

This is particularly the case with streaming and ability groups which exist in all the intermediate schools. The ability groups, Levy said, are designed not so much to raise the level of low achievers as "to keep them out of high-ability groups." Curricula and teaching methods are also geared to higher achievers since "we know little" about how and what to teach low achievers.

Asked about ethnic prejudices which many teachers and principals say are more openly and forcefully expressed at this age than in the early grades, Levy said: "You can't solve problems by keeping kids away from social realities. Even if integration isn't working too well, it doesn't mean that you stop the process."

He personally favours integration at all ages — "the earlier the better." Again, he emphasized that these questions cannot be evaluated on the basis of scientific research since "the basic judgement must be political."

A few weeks ago, when the findings of this report were already known at the Education Ministry, it was decided to set up a special committee which will examine the reform in depth and present its findings and recommendations in six months. The committee, which is headed by Professor Yehuda Amir of Bar-Ilan University includes professors, high-school teachers, and Teachers' Union and parents' association representatives.

Rabbis complain about hospital facilities

Rabbis in the Rehovot area have sent a letter to the Health Minister complaining about the lack of facilities for observant patients in certain state hospitals.

The rabbis complained that in certain cases, hospital kitchens work normally on the Sabbath, making it impossible for observant patients whose condition was not considered critical to receive a hot meal. They further complained that observant patients cannot call a nurse on Sabbath because of the design of the electronic call system.

The rabbis demanded a meeting with the health minister, in which they intend asking that newly developed devices of the kind installed in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital be introduced at other hospitals in the country.

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Education Min. official on bribery charge

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A forme Education and Culture Ministry o ficial was accused in the Distric Court here yesterday of takin bribes from an antiquities dealer return for allegedly providing th dealer with the special stamps an labels required for the export archaeological objects.

Shimon Nahmani, 57, c Jerusalem, worked in the ministry antiquities department in 1975-7 and one of his duties was to issue ex port licences for objects that ha been duly examined and marke with a special stamp.

He is alleged to have reached a arrangement with Jaffa antiquitie dealer Dani Pincus, whereby i return for certain gifts and favour Nahmani provided him with som 200 stamps and labels. Pincus alleged to have used these to mar whatever objects he pleased, and apply for export licences without th objects having to undergo examina tion by antiquities department o ficials.

Among the bribes Nahmani an his wife are alleged to have accepte were two rings, a gold bracelet, bottle of whisky, three cartons of im ported cigarettes — and restaurai meals totalling some IL2,000.

Pincus appeared in court yeste day as a witness for the prosecution

Groups drawn for World Cup

BUENOS AIRES, (Reuter). — Argentina, West Germany an Brazil will head three of the fou groups in the World Cup socce finals here in June, with the fourt spot going to Italy, Holland o Poland, according to an organizin committee official.

Rear-Admiral Alberto Lacoste vice-president of the committe said in a newspaper intervie published yesterday that the seeds i the fourth group would probably b chosen on January 12, two day before the official draw.

Argentina as host and West Ge many as defending champion automatically head Groups One an Two. They will play their first- an second-round matches in Buenc Aires and the central Argentine cit of Mendoza respectively.

Admiral Lacoste said his com mittee would insist that, fo economic reasons, Brazil hea Group Three at the seaside reso city of Mar del Plata. "Mar del Plat is the only place capable of accom modating the great number o tourists expected from Brazil fo the World Cup."

Greeks win in youth soccer

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Greece yesterday wo Israel's fourth annual youth (under 18) soccer tournament here defeating West Germany 1-0 in th five-nation, league-based event.

Defending champions Israe finished in third position behind Ger many by virtue of a goal-less draw against Norway.

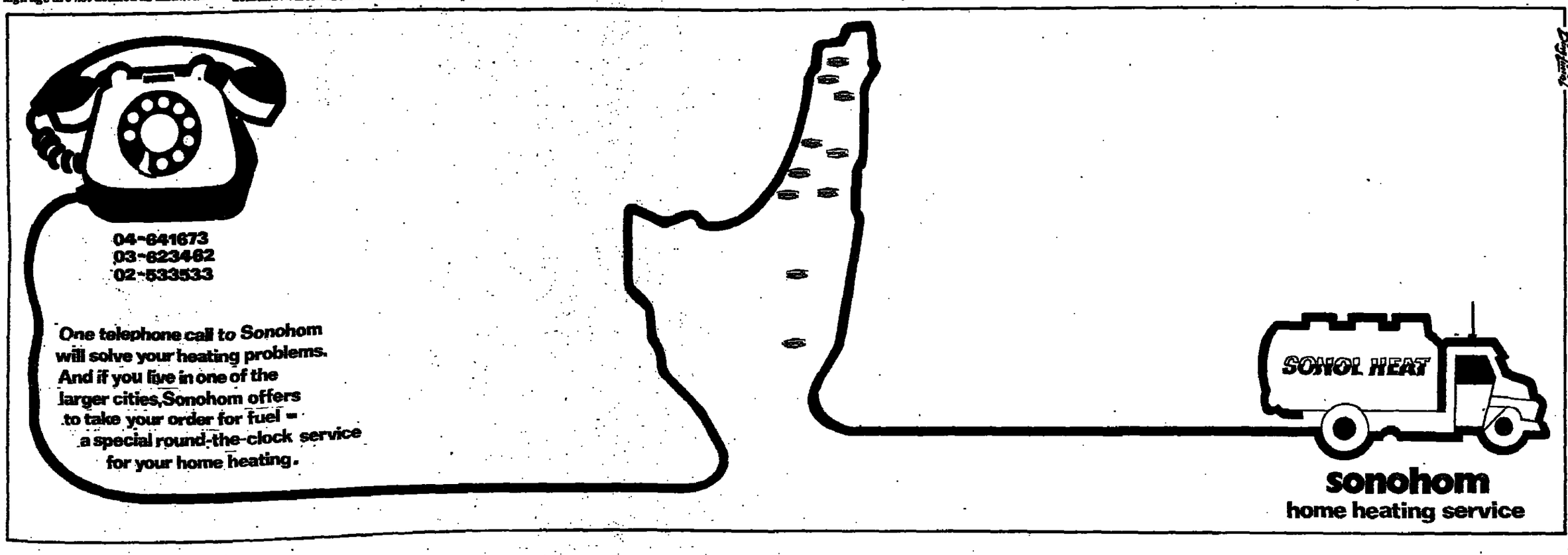
The Norwegians were fourth, wit Denmark propping up the table Israel has won the tourney twice an Sweden once.

Netanya Maccabi yesterday defeated the French first-division club Lyon 2-0, with goals from Moshe Greani and David Lavie. The victory gave Netanya top spot in the now completed series of internationa matches, ahead of Lyons an Jerusalem Betar, the third entry i the five-day meet.

Spectator charged with intimidating witness

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A spectator a a recent drugs trial was charge yesterday with intimidating prosecution witness.

David Weizman, 20, allegedl made a threatening gesture towar Yosef ("Musmus") Wahaba whe Wahaba testified on April 14 las year in the trial of two of Weizman' friends for possession of dangerou drugs. The indictment says th gesture, aimed at Wahaba's eyes was enough to frighten the witnes and disrupt the trial.



Shah warns Ethiopia not to invade Somalia

TEHERAN. — The Shah of Iran has warned Ethiopia that his nation would not remain indifferent in the event Ethiopia invaded Somalia in retaliation for backing Somali-speaking tribes trying to wrest away Ethiopia's Ogaden region.

The Shah's warning came in the wake of a visit to Teheran by Somali President Siad Barre, and of reports that Ethiopian jets had bombed and strafed two Somali cities close to the Ethiopian frontier.

Sources close to the Iranian government told newsmen that the Shah did not clarify how Iran would react to an Ethiopian incursion into Somalia.

The undeclared war in the Horn of Africa was also discussed last weekend between the Shah and visiting U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

In his warning, the Shah said, "Efforts shall first be made to bring about a kind of contact between Somalia and Ethiopia so that peace talks can get under way. No effort will be spared to achieve this task."

"Of course," the Shah added, "Ethiopia must be warned that Iran cannot remain indifferent in the case of an Ethiopian invasion of the internationally recognized borders of Somalia."

Iran is already supplying locally-manufactured light weapons to Somalia following the Soviet Union's halt in arms shipments last summer. It appeared that the Shah was also ready to send Somalia badly needed heavy weapons.

Barre flew to Aswan yesterday for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on the Somali-Ethiopian conflict.

Barre, who is touring the Middle East, arrived in Cairo on Sunday from Damascus, where he held similar discussions with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Meanwhile, the Somali-backed insurgents issued a communique claiming that their forces killed 90 Ethiopian soldiers last week in a fierce battle in Ethiopia's disputed Sidamo province.

The clash occurred at the village of Oboto, south of the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

Seventy Ethiopian soldiers were wounded in the battle, and large quantities of Ethiopian arms and food supplies were destroyed, according to the communique broadcast by Somalia's official radio.

To the north, meanwhile, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) yesterday charged that the Ethiopian air force had dropped napalm bombs on the town of Keren and several surrounding Eritrean villages controlled by anti-government rebels.

An EPLF spokesman in Rome said it was the first time Ethiopian forces had used napalm since 1975.

Keren, a market town of 40,000 about 90 km. north of the Eritrean provincial capital of Asmara, was captured by EPLF forces last July.

Wreckage of Indian jumbo discovered

BOMBAY (Reuter). — Ships and helicopters of the Indian Navy have found the wreckage of an Air India Boeing 747 which exploded and plunged into the sea 10 kms. off the coast here on Sunday night with 213 passengers and crew on board.

"They are all presumed dead. We do not think there are any survivors," an airline official said yesterday.

A navy search official said 35 bodies had been sighted and nine actually pulled out of the water. Part of the tail of the wrecked plane was also recovered by the Indian navy salvage fleet of 13 ships and a helicopter.

Two Americans of Saudi Arabian descent and nine passengers from Arab countries had been aboard the jumbo jet bound for Dubai, in addition to 179 Indian passengers, many of whom were believed to have been going to Dubai to take up new jobs in the Gulf state. The plane had a crew of 23.

Many people living near the sea here saw the plane turn into a ball of fire and plunge into the Arabian Sea ten minutes after take-off. "It went off like a bomb and then a huge fire engulfed it and it dived into the sea," said a fisherman who saw the crash.

Police patrolled the coastline for several kms. on either side of the crash site yesterday, keeping a watch for bodies or parts of the plane that might be washed ashore and keeping spectators in check.

India's Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Purushottam Lal Kaushik flew to Bombay early yesterday and said a high court judge would probe the cause of the crash.

The jumbo — named Emperor Ashoka — was the first of the five 747s acquired by the airline. It was delivered in 1971.

In 1950, an Air India plane hit Mont Blanc in Switzerland, and five years later another of its planes crashed into the South China Sea. But the last Air India crash before Sunday night's was again on Mont Blanc, in 1960.

Meanwhile, all five persons aboard a DC-3 plane that crash landed yesterday morning near the Puerto Rican coast swam safely ashore, the U.S. coast guard said. The cause of the accident was not immediately known, and the identities of the passengers were not released. (Reuter, AP)

Indian Congress Party splits over Gandhi

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — India's opposition Congress Party yesterday split in two when a convention supporting former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared itself the real Congress and elected her as its president.

Official Congress president Kasu Brahmananda Reddi, in a swift and sharp reaction, said the election was unconstitutional and illegal. He summoned an emergency meeting of the party's working committee, its top policy-making body, to consider the situation.

Yesterday's moves were the climax of a struggle raging in the former ruling party for months over Mrs. Gandhi's efforts to recapture control. She had headed Congress with almost total control from the last split in 1969 until she lost the general elections last March.

The break yesterday came on the second day of a convention organized here by Mrs. Gandhi's faction and branded as an "anti-party manoeuvre" by the official leadership.

The convention adopted a resolution authorizing Mrs. Gandhi to organize her party at all levels in consultation with other leading supporters, India's Samachar news agency reported.

Congress president Reddi told Samachar that the official leadership enjoys the support of an overwhelming majority of Congress members and of national and state committees. He said he was sure party workers and leaders would stand by the constitutionally-elected congress body.

Soviet Olympics champion gymnast Olga Korbut and Leonid Bortkevich, soloist of Pesynary pop group, who are to wed soon, pictured in Moscow. (AP radiophoto)

Wider gov't mooted for Italy

ROME (Reuter). — The leader of Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party said in an interview published yesterday that he is considering a new coalition government to replace Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti's single-party minority cabinet.

"A projected government of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans comes within the possibilities which we are considering," the party secretary, Benigno Zaccagnini, told the Turin newspaper "Gazzetta del Popolo."

His comment added a new dimension to the volatile political scene here, marked by strong pressure from the powerful Communist Party for cabinet posts in an emergency coalition government.

The party leader gave no further details; but he was believed to be considering a cabinet again headed by Andreotti, with the Communists and Socialists brought into the government's parliamentary majority without ministerial hosts.

A coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans would fall far short of what the Communists have been demanding. But inclusion in the government's parliamentary majority would take them one step closer to political power.

Mayor Edward Koch gestures to his audience on Sunday after he was sworn in as the 105th mayor of New York City. (UPI telephoto)

Defectors assure Ecevit of majority

ANKARA (UPI). — Defectors from ousted premier Suleyman Demirel's Justice Party announced yesterday that they would participate in a government led by opposition leader Bulent Ecevit, virtually assuring Ecevit's appointment as premier.

"We have reached an accord to take part and support a government led by Bulent Ecevit," the 11 defectors said in a joint declaration following a meeting with Ecevit.

It was not immediately clear if any would become ministers in an Ecevit cabinet.

The defectors joined forces on Saturday with Ecevit's left-leaning Republican Peoples' Party, independents and splinter party deputies in bringing down the tripartite rightist government of Demirel in a parliamentary no-confidence vote.

Demirel immediately handed the resignation of his government to President Fahri Koruturk, who asked Ecevit to form the government.

Ecevit also met Monday with splinter party deputies. A high-ranking deputy in the Republican Peoples' Party said the cabinet may be announced as early as today..

Turkey's biggest daily newspapers "Hurriyet" and "Gunaydin" urged Ecevit to give all 11 defectors ministerial posts in order to guarantee their support.

Ecevit will need a simple majority of votes in the 450-member national assembly for a vote of confidence. His Republicans hold 213 votes, the defectors 11. He is also expected to get support from splinter parties, which hold three votes.

US forming bloc to accept plan

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ment and amendment.

It will be the purpose of U.S. diplomacy, both before January 15 and once the talks begin, to seek bridging formulae that could somehow span the gulf.

Yesterday the American ambassador Samuel Lewis discussed the situation with the Premier's top aide, Eli Ben-Elissar, who was Israel's chief negotiator at the Cairo Conference.

Sadat himself this morning urged the U.S. to press Israel to accept the right of the Palestinians to self-determination. In an interview with Mexican television, published by the Middle East News Agency, Sadat said: "The role of the U.S. is to exert pressure on Israel, particularly with regards to the Palestinians problem, becuase it is the crux of the crisis."

The Egyptian state radio, meanwhile said that Foreign Minister Mohammed Ibrahim Kamel had prepared an Egyptian blueprint for an overall settlement.

The blueprint, drawn up in coordination with Egypt's delegates to last month's initial Cairo peace conference, has been finalized in time for tomorrow's talks in Aswan between Sadat and Carter.

The Egyptian formula, it said, is based on two principles: "Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands, and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination." It was further reported to include a timetable for Israel's pullback, mutual security arrangements, as well as the definition of the nature of peace.

Sharon's appointment as Dayan's No. 2 in the coming negotiations, first reported by Israel Television last night, triggered immediate comment in the political community. While officials explained blandly that, as head of the settlement programme, he would have a defined and natural role in the political committee's discussions — which will embrace both West Bank and Sinai settlements — pundits saw a deeper political motive behind the appointment.

As the political champion of the nationalist settlers' movements, Sharon's involvement in the talks would help stave off pressures and criticism from those quarters, and their backers, the pundits surmised. Hence Begin's desire to have him present at the political committee.

At the same time, and despite Dayan's ostensible enthusiasm for the idea, most observers saw it as something of a blow to the Foreign Minister. "After all," one veteran political observer noted, "this was to be Dayan's greatest hour — negotiating peace with the Arabs. He could hardly have wished to share it with another minister."

This observer pointed out, too, that Sharon's presence might well undermine the hierarchical structure which was an essential element of any efficient negotiating team. Even if he were nominally designated as Dayan's deputy, Sharon would retain his equal ministerial rank and would be able at any time to question Dayan's performance at the Cabinet table.

Some observers also pointed to the known differences of outlook between the two men, and also to Sharon's super-hardline image. They contended that his appointment would be ill received in Cairo, especially since Sadat reportedly did not "hit it off" with Sharon during his visit to Jerusalem. (His particular favourite was Defence Minister Weizman. He also publicly praised Dayan's flexibility in an interview this week.)

At any rate the appointment of Sharon — together with those of all the members of the two delegations — will require cabinet approval before it is formalized.

The logistic problems of the political committee are meanwhile occupying Foreign Ministry officials. The Van Leer Institute in the Talbieh Quarter, which had been officially announced as the site of the committee meetings, has now been ruled out because it lacks sufficient communications facilities. Officials seem to be inclined towards choosing the Hilton Hotel out of the remaining possibilities. (The Egyptian delegation will be staying at the Hilton.) The talks would presumably be held in the banqueting suites and public rooms on the basement level.

Kiosk holds up chess tournament

BELGRADE (AP). — The organizers of a $25,000 chess tournament met here yesterday to settle a minor issue blocking resumption of the match between Victor Korchnoi and Boris Spassky. The issue, reportedly, was where to place a refreshment stand.

Korchnoi threatened to leave the tournament on Friday after complaining of poor spectator control. He returned to Belgrade on Saturday, but still has not agreed to resume play.

The self-exiled Soviet grandmaster was leading Spassky 7.5 to 5.5 in the 20-game match for the right to play for the world championship.

French poll sees Sadat-Begin talks as 'event of year'

PARIS (Reuter). — The dialogue between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menahem Begin was the event of the year 1977 in the view of French people, according to an opinion poll published yesterday.

The poll, published in the left-leaning daily newspaper "Le Quotidien de Paris," showed that 23 per cent of those questioned thought the Sadat-Begin dialogue was the most striking event of the past year.

The split between the French Socialist and Communist parties ran second as most important event, with 18 per cent.

Other issues included the taking of hostages (17 per cent), the death of West German urban terrorist Andreas Baader (12 per cent), price rises (9 per cent) and unemployment (8 per cent).

Tower of Pisa stops leaning

PISA, Italy (AP). — The Leaning Tower of Pisa, tilting further and further through the centuries, stood still in 1977.

For the first time since sophisticated measuring devices were installed in 1918, the 804-year-old landmark halted its rate of tip, Prof. Giuseppe Toniolo announced at a New Year's Day reception on Sunday.

Toniolo, in charge of monuments on Pisa's "Square of Miracles" where the 55-metre-high tower stands, said experts are not quite certain why the tower stopped increasing its lean by itself. But he noted that the inclination is exactly the same as it was on December 31, 1976.

One likely explanation is that the pressure increased somehow on the water-bearing stratum under the tower. This would shore up the base.

The news, however, has not dispelled fears that the tower may one day crash to the ground. Within the next several months, the government expects to begin work on a project to strengthen its base. Some 13.4m. has been allocated to saving the monument, which draws more than 100,000 tourists every year.

Actually its rate of lean had already been slowing, averaging half a millimetre each year from 1974 to 1976. It had tipped more than twice that fast in some years past.

The tower leans 4.3 metres off the perpendicular, giving visitors the feeling of being at sea as they navigate the stone steps.

Pisa's tower began to lean almost as soon as it went up in the 12th century, because of a shifting in the subsoil. It was begun in 1173 by Bonanno Pisano and completed in 1372.

West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt, left, and President Anwar Sadat on their way to take a boat trip on the Nile River. (UPI telephoto)

Frei openly urges 'no' to Chilean Junta's referendum

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — Former president Eduardo Frei, in his first public opposition to Chile's four-year-old military regime, urged Chileans yesterday to vote against President Augusto Pinochet in this week's plebiscite.

"To vote 'yes' is to approve the state of siege and the economic policy, the suppression of judicial guarantees and of civic and union rights," he said at a news conference at his home.

Frei, who will be 67 this month, is the titular head of the Christian Democratic Party, the largest political group in Chile until Pinochet declared all parties illegal last March. He was president from 1964-70, being succeeded by the late Salvador Allende, the Socialist overthrown by the military in 1973.

Pinochet, a 62-year-old army general, has summoned all Chileans over 18 to the polls tomorrow to react to what he calls the "international aggression" represented by a recent UN General Assembly resolution on human rights abuses here.

The statement on which people are being asked to vote "yes" or "no" makes no direct reference to the UN. It would back Pinochet in "his defence of Chile's dignity" and reaffirm the legitimacy of his government.

CARTER

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national non-proliferation treaty, exploded a nuclear device in 1974.

Carter authorized one shipment soon after taking office last year, and told Desai he was willing to authorize another shipment soon.

"But it didn't seem to make an impression on him," he was overheard telling Vance yesterday.

The Indian government has accepted international inspection and safeguards for nuclear power plants built and operated with foreign assistance, but it has rejected them for other nuclear plants.

Later in the day, in a speech interrupted 26 times by applause, Carter stood under a huge portrait of Mohandas Gandhi, one of the founders of modern India, and said: "We have a long record of cooperation in the field of nuclear power...our work together will continue in this field."

Members of Parliament, apparently already briefed on the U.S. President's offer to support the shipping of 7.6 tons of enriched uranium to India, cheered the statement.

White House officials made no attempt to suppress the inadvertent Carter-Vance exchange. But they clearly were embarrassed because the India stop was to have been a highlight of the President's seven-nation, nine-day world tour. (Reuter, UPI)

Nottingham-Everton tie to narrow gap

LONDON (UPI). — League leader Nottingham Forest and second-placed Everton traded penalties yesterday to stage a 1-1 draw in the top-of-the-table clash in the English League soccer programme. The next three clubs all won to maintain their chase for the First Division title.

European champion Liverpool downed Middlesbrough 2-0, Arsenal recovered from Saturday's upset at Everton to defeat Ipswich 1-0, while Manchester City became the only club to take a maximum eight points from the four-match holiday programme with a 1-0 win over bottom club Leicester.

Queen's Park Rangers grabbed a late equalizer against Aston Villa to post a 1-1 draw, Chelsea drew with seventh-placed West Bromwich 2-2, while Newcastle ended a victory famine with its first win of the Christmas fixtures, 2-0 at Leeds.

A Charlie George hat-trick set up Derby's 4-2 win over Coventry, while the unpredictable cup holder Manchester United went down 1-2 to Birmingham. Norwich dropped a valuable point with a 2-2 draw against the improving West Ham.

KNOCKOUT. — Guty Espadas of Mexico knocked out Japanese challenger Kimio Furesawa in the seventh round of a scheduled 15-round fight last night, retaining his World Boxing Association flyweight championship.

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Egypt at the crossroads between Africa and Asia

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE/Martin Sieff

AS A MAN deeply interested in the figure he will cut in future history books, Anwar es-Sadat must be aware of the historical significance of his recent acts. The President of Egypt is, in fact, abandoning the main lines of Egyptian foreign policy followed over the last half-century, and turning his back on preoccupations that go back to the time of Napoleon.

Since the emergence of an independent Egypt under the Albanian adventurer, Mohammed Ali, at the start of the 19th century, Egypt's main foreign policy preoccupation, as in the Middle and New Kingdoms of the Bronze Age, has been the protection of its vulnerable north-eastern frontier — Suez and the Sinai — against the dominant great power of the moment in the Fertile Crescent. Mohammed Ali set a pattern for dealing with it. He sought alliance with the tribes of the Arabian peninsula against the dominant Ottoman Empire, while also maintaining relations with Persia — traditional foe of the Turks to the east. After a quarter-century of preparation this first enlightened (and ambitious) despot of what later came to be called the Third World conquered Palestine and moved into Syria. But his expansionism in the Fertile Crescent ended in disaster in 1839 when Great Power intervention to preserve Turkey liquidated his gains. This further pattern of "vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself" was also to repeat itself.

Later 19th-century Khedives followed an "Egypt-first" policy of developing Egyptian revenues and resources (particularly the Suez Canal, opened in 1869, and Egypt's cotton crop — developed with British encouragement after the American Civil War cut off Deep South supplies from Lancashire), and followed the path of the Pharaohs in expanding southward into the Sudan. The costs of this imperialist exercise helped to provoke the British intervention of 1880 and led to defeat at the hands of the Mahdi. But under the remote and efficient British control, Khartoum was avenged at Omdurman in 1898 and Sudan became an Anglo-Egyptian condominium for the next 80 years.

Ironically, the British, in Cairo, repeated Mohammed Ali's policy of arming the Arabian tribes against the Turkish Empire in World War I. Like both previous and subsequent efforts, it resulted in much (British-controlled) Egyptian resources being spent to little appreciable effect. Allenby's army came to conquer Palestine with small effective help from Feisal, Lawrence, and their bands.

Egypt's moves towards renewed independence in the 1920s and 1930s saw impassioned debates about the country's future role in the Middle East. Should Egypt be true to its particular nationalist identity, and seek a Nile-oriented African role, as the Pharaonist intellectuals claimed? Or should it, as the largest and most advanced Middle East state, aspire to pan-Arab leadership? For King Farouk, tempted by the prospect of the Caliphate, vacant since Mustafa Kemal had evicted the last occupant of the House of Osman from Constantinople in 1923, the pan-Arab card was the one to play. Nahas Pasha, leader of the populist nationalist party, the Wafd, and British-supported premier during World War II also chose this course. Again, Egypt allied with Arabia — now led by the formidable Ibn Saud in Riyadh — to block efforts by the Hashemite rulers of Transjordan and Iraq to swallow Syria. British policy-makers encouraged Egypt's leading role in the Arab League, which was set up in March, 1945, and intended to be a concert of British-conducted Arab States. As late as the 1940s, the word "Arab" was a term of abuse in Cairo, referring to desert Beduin.

But the bourgeois-nationalist governments of the Wafd encouraged pan-Arab sentiment as a safety-valve for popular discontent, Egypt's horrendous feudal miseries and squalor. And so, in 1948, Egypt got carried into the First Palestine War on a wave of nationalist emotion, and political preoccupation with forestalling the ever-ambitious Abdullah of Transjordan in the partitioning of Palestine. The army was totally unprepared and, again, an Egyptian adventure in the Fertile Crescent ended in costly failure.

Gamal Abdul Nasser and his Free Officers at first seemed to offer something different. But by 1954, the domestic revolution to change the face of Egypt was running out of steam. Nasser conducted his epochal arms deal with Czechoslovakia and launched the *fedayeen* against Israel. When John Foster Dulles cut off American aid for the Aswan Dam in response, Nasser countered by nationalizing the Suez Canal. The road to 1956 was paved.

Despite the fiasco of another telling defeat at the hands of Israel, the withdrawal of Britain and France under super-power pressure established Nasser firmly as the Redeemer of Pan-Arab dreams, and set him on the path of pan-Arab revolutionary adventure.

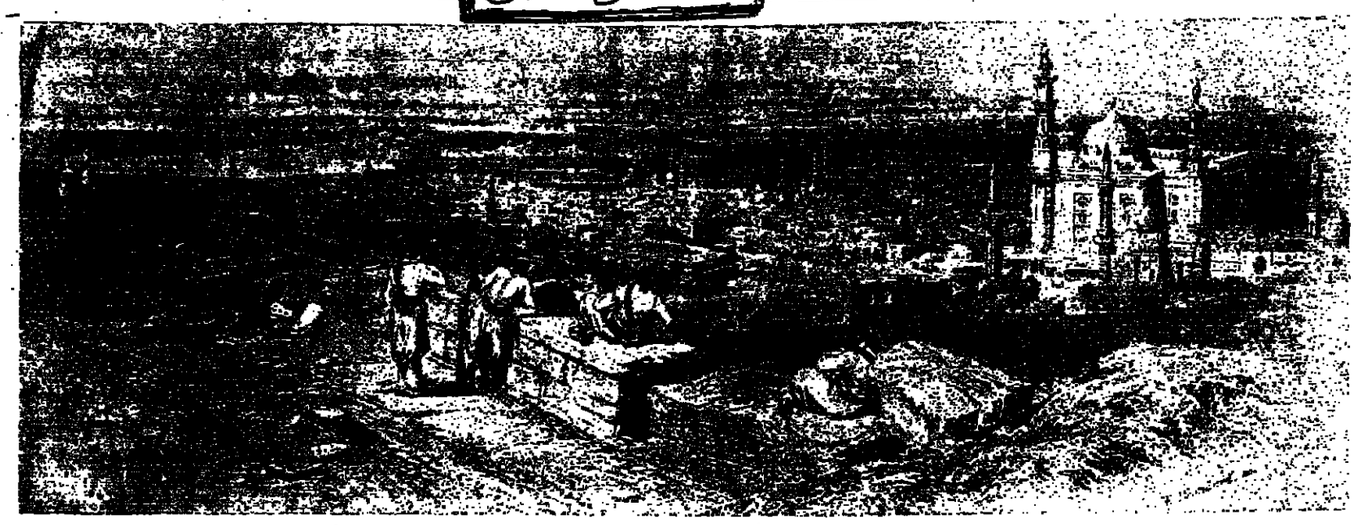
Over the following 13 years, Egypt's resources were continually drained — first in the United Arab Republic misalliance with Syria of 1958-61; then in the 1963-67 involvement in Yemen, Egypt's Vietnam — an adventure which committed 100,000 Egyptian soldiers and cost 17,000 Egyptian lives. The Yemen adventure was only liquidated under the impact of the Six Day War. This in turn was followed by a reassertion of Egyptian pan-Arab leadership at the 1968 Khartoum Conference for which Egypt again bore the main price in the 1968-70 War of Attrition which turned the Canal cities into a wilderness, created 500,000 refugees, and saw the destruction of Egypt's entire oil supplies at one point, as well as much other capital investment Egypt could ill-afford to lose.

By instantly breaking the August, 1970 ceasefire and establishing a SAM missile umbrella over the Canal, Nasser strategically won the War of Attrition shortly before his death, but Anwar el-Sadat inherited both his policy and his problems. While Sadat eventually expelled the Russians and move Egypt to a conservative Moslem and pro-Western alignment, he continued Nasser's general policy of Fertile Crescent expansionism and the building of alliances against Egypt's main threat to the north-east — Israel. Whereas Nasser had looked to Syria and Iraq, Sadat turned to Hussein and, most particularly, to King Feisal of Saudi Arabia. When the quadrupling of oil prices and the winter embargo raised Saudi Arabia to financial might after the Yom Kippur War, the Cairo-Riyadh axis of Mohammed Ali and King Farouk was back in business.

But the Saudis failed to deliver the goods. Sadat's initial expectations of $2b. a year in petrodollar support in 1974 had dwindled, despite inflation, to actual receipts of only $620m. in the last year. The Egyptian economy deteriorated towards total collapse while Egypt still had to face the main burden and the main suffering of a renewed war with Israel.

And so Sadat, the half-Sudanese with a penchant for returning to his home village, has put Egypt first and abandoned, not only the Revolutionary Socialist pan-Arabism of Nasser, but also the conservative traditionalist mantle of Farouk. After 50 years, he appears to be realizing the Pharaonistic dreamers of the early nationalism. The southward expansion is already well under way with Sadat's close military, political, and economic links forged with Jaffer al-Numeiry of the Sudan. Sudan, with a population of 18 million and vast agricultural potential, is a natural breadbasket for Egypt's starving millions — particularly should Sadat swallow his tiny arch-enemy, Muammar Gaddafi of Libya, and then have Libya's oil wealth at his disposal to develop the Sudan. He could then also afford to laugh at Saudi Arabia.

With Israel at his side, the sky could be the limit for this new Pharaoh of Africa.



Cairo and the valley of the Nile.

Enough to make a cat cry

By DORA SOWDEN

THERE is no place in Jerusalem where cat-lovers can leave their pets "en pension" during an absence from home, as I discovered when I had to go abroad recently. Months before, I began making inquiries. Neither neighbours nor friends could help. My cat doesn't leave her fourth floor home — and nobody was prepared to clear her litter.

There used to be a place at Shaar Hagai in the Jerusalem hills for boarding cats. It wasn't ideal and it was expensive but the animal had a fair-sized cage and came back healthy. The Shaar Hagai Kennels have now discontinued the "pension" service. I then heard of a Mr. and Mrs. Katz who accept dog lodgers, but when I telephoned I was told (ironically enough) that the Katzes don't take cats. I phoned a vet. Yes, he said, a shelter is being built but it might be years before it is in working order. So I was given an address in Jaffa — the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel — at 30 Salame Street.

As I have no car, the problem was how to get the cat to the shelter. I am no longer young and the cat is well fed, so the distance Mitzi had to be carried was important. I settled for a nearby *sherut* taxi service.

I put my cat in her bag (the one she is used to for going to the vet). As I got to the taxi, she meouwed. The driver wanted to know what I had there. A cat? That meant another full fare. I argued that even for a child he didn't charge full fare. So we agreed on half price. By then all the six other passengers were interested. The woman next to me refused to sit next to a cat even in a closed bag. A man obligingly offered to sit between us.

Round about Latrun, the driver suggested I should open the bag, let the cat out and so end my troubles. When I expressed horror, everyone wanted to know why I cared so much about a cat. I explained that Mitzi was my friend. The man next to me asked if I talked to my cat. Of course. Did she understand? Of course. Everyone tittered.

In Tel Aviv, I hailed a taxi to take me to Jaffa. The driver wasn't interested. So I boarded the No. 85 bus and asked the driver to tell me when we got to the Animal Welfare place. He said second stop after entering Salame Street but here the nearby passengers intervened. They and some behind them insisted I should get off at the first stop. I did — and had nearly a mile to walk, carrying the cat.

(Ruhinger)

Once at the shelter, however, I found a friendly, helpful man in charge — a new arrival from England who shared my difficulty with Hebrew and apologized for the cat's cage. Though well designed, with a little shelf to which Mitzi took immediately, it was very small. As she would be staying six weeks, he promised to try to put her into a bigger one when it became available. When I came back six weeks later, she was still in the same cage, but she looked healthy.

This time I knew where to catch the bus, and as Mitzi didn't make a single meouw, I didn't pay for her in the *sherut*.

Let me say that the Jaffa shelter is clean, obviously well kept, comparatively cheap — but crowded. The barking dogs are too near the cats. The accommodation is too small.

Nevertheless, it is a haven for which Jerusalem has as yet no equivalent. I don't know whether I'm an oddball case with a cat that doesn't venture out of the flat and can't be left in the care of neighbours. I do know that there is no place where one can leave a cat in Jerusalem. The animal shelter for which Joan Comay and others are trying so hard can be achieved only if the necessary funds can be raised. Brother, can you spare a dime? Send your donations to the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel, P.O. Box 4009, Jerusalem, and be a friend. As it stands now, the situation is enough to make a cat cry.

A one-dimensional affront

LISTENING IN.../Ze'ev Schul

It was a week of extremes. The hours of daylight were among the shortest in the year, but Wednesday turned out to be the longest and most boring day I had ever tuned in. It began at 10 a.m. and the droning voices kept at it all day as Knesset Member after Knesset Member went up to the rostrum to deliver his tuppence worth. Personal opinions all; there was no collective representation, which might have mercifully shortened the ordeal.

Not even Geula Cohen or the Communists could sweeten this pill. But for once, the radio did have a clear advantage over television. We weren't spared the sound, but on radio we were not visually offended. It was only a one-dimensional affront.

I couldn't understand why they had to air this debate live on both media simultaneously. The radio could have handled it on its own. The Knesset is not particularly photogenic. Nor are, with all due respect, most of its members. And we've seen the "cute" shots of row upon row of empty seats.

Evidently somebody thought the event historic. Perhaps it was. But even so it should have been presented on a more selective basis.

I understand the Russians have invented a radio that cannot be switched off (except by central control directly from the Kremlin). We don't need that; our own masochism will keep the radio on.

THE NEW YEAR was ushered in with Yoel Esteron's truly excellent weekly "Between the (Newspaper) Lines" (Galei Zahal, Friday, 16.05 hours.) This week's edition focused on the scoops and gimmicks of the local press during the past 12 months.

It was generally agreed that the "Newspaperman of the Year" title should go to Dan Margalit. As "Haaretz" Washington correspondent he scored a significant "beat" by uncovering Mrs. Rabin's Washington bank account. It was a dilly of a story, requiring intelligent snooping and some daring. All the editors rounded up by Esteron were agreed on Margalit and volunteered his name (without being asked). There was one notable exception, however: Margalit's boss, Gershom Shocken — who thought Avi Valentin's exposé on organized crime in Israel a better value. Which just goes to show the truth in the old saw that nobody ever becomes a recognized prophet in his backyard. "Maariv's" Shalom Rosenfeld thought his banner headline in Arabic, welcoming President Sadat to Israel, was the gimmick of the year. Rosenfeld said that souvenir copies of the issue were sold at black market prices in East Jerusalem. Also — so Rosenfeld claims — Sadat was said to have been deeply touched by the gesture and took it as an indication of the welcome he'd get here. Maybe.

Noah Moses of "Yediot Ahronot" beat the drum of his own foreign news editor, Sami Griensban, who spearheaded the Israeli contingent of newsmen in Egypt. "We were quite worried about him for the first few days or so. But he was also the first Israeli to cable stories out of Cairo," Moses recalled.

There was also an unpublished "Yediot" "scoop." A company photographer had managed to get to the site of the suicide of Avraham Ofer, the late housing minister. "Police at first confiscated the film, then had to release it. It was our own decision not to run the picture. It was too gruesome. But the decision was also a very difficult one to take," Moses recalled.

"Davar" editor Hanna Zemer believes Walter Kronkite's role as a Begin-Sadat middleman was the outstanding story of the year, even though Kronkite didn't qualify fully because he isn't an Israeli journalist. The story served to demonstrate just how much the Fourth Estate could influence world affairs, Ms. Zemer noted.

This point was also illustrated in "Davar's" scoop report on the fact that President Carter was about to exclude Israel from the list of "preferred recipients" of U.S. arms. The disclosure led to Senate intervention and a reversal of the policy.

"Haolam Hazeh's" Eli Tabor lauded the clever footwork of a magazine photographer, who followed a rabbi into the intensive coronary care ward of Ichilov Hospital, and became the first to announce the news of Mr. Begin's heart attack.

REMEMBERING MARCULESTI

WRITERS AND READERS/Sraya Shapiro

HOW many people here have ever heard of Marculesti? One in a hundred thousand, perhaps. There are 200 families from Marculesti living in Israel. They loved their native town and have gone to the expense of publishing a 570-page volume about it.

Marculesti was a Jewish agricultural settlement in Bessarabia. Established in 1837, it existed for just over a century, until 1939, when most of its population was slaughtered by the Germans.

Russian policies towards the Jews have always been painfully inconsistent. The Jews were urged to become "productive" by turning themselves into farmers, and the authorities arranged for a tract of land to be made available for that purpose. But years later, when the farmers wished to buy the land, they were prevented from doing so, for the laws of Mother Russia made it criminal for Jews to own land. Oh, the tenants paid for the right to be productive, but the deed was written in the name of a non-Jew.

The census of 1897 indicated that 1,336 out of Marculesti's 1,339 inhabitants were Jews. When Rumania took over, after World War I, only 195 of Marculesti's 2,319 Jews (by then 37.4 per cent of the population) were farmers.

Though a small community far from the main stream of Jewish cultural life, Marculesti boasted a secondary school, with Hebrew as the main teaching medium. One of the town's most famous men was Rabbi Y.L. Fishman, who became the first Minister of Religious Affairs in the First Government of reborn Israel. His sister, Ada Maimon, was the founder of the Ayanot Agricultural School and her brother's political opponent.

Editors Leib Kuperstein and Dr. Meir Cotic have clearly left no stone unturned in their effort to record every bit of information they could lay their hands on. For the sake of readability outsiders might wish that the compilers of such printed memorial volumes would treat memories with less reverence. But that would be to ignore the innumerable human factors involved in the production of such a book. Tombstones, after all, are principally a family concern.

Yehoshua Eibschutz, in *"Bikdusha u-vi-Gvura"* (with Holiness and Courage), undertakes a task of a much larger scope. He wants to prove by the examples he had culled from various sources that Jews under the Nazis did not accept their fate "like sheep being led to the slaughter." He does not mean the few and "over-glorified" attempts at revolt which were doomed from the start. The courage of the condemned people was moral.

For a deeply religious man, the sense of life is in performing the Creator's precepts in any adversity. Persecution does not affect the religious man's pride as long as he can consciously serve God. In Auschwitz some Jews performed the *Mitzva* of kindling the Hanukka lights by sticking cardboard strips into a piece of wood. There was the rabbi who, as a member of a Judenrat, refused to detail workers, for Yom Kippur duty, knowing he would himself be executed, as he was. And there was the rabbi who, in the crammed railway wagon on the way to Auschwitz, called on his fellow Jews to pray for the life of their brethren in America and Palestine who were sure to carry on. There are stories like that almost on every page of the 490-page volume. These are acts which, in Eibschutz's eyes, saved the honour of the Jew.

Not only rabbis braved Satan with dignity and hope. Most Jews did so, Eibschutz says. He expects to publish four additional volumes — on Women in Distress, Children, Human relations and Jewish Holidays. His main handicap seems to be money, for the published volume bears no publisher's imprint but contains an expression of thanks to benefactors, and prayers for the memory of their relatives.

Rabbi Eibschutz has a point, surely.

The crux of the matter, however, is not whether the Jew was morally superior to his murderer; but whether he could have acted to deter his tormentor. Obviously, the Jews stood no chance in their dispersion. They still have none.

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Doing Beethoven in

MUSIC/Benjamin Bar-Am

THE ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Rudolf Barshai, conducting; soloists: Heather Harper, soprano; Peter Lagger, bass; Vasso Devetzi, piano (subscription concert No. 3, Tel Aviv Museum, December 28). Beethoven: Piano concerto No. 3; Shostakovich: Symphony No. 14 for Soprano, Bass and String Orchestra.

THE two halves of this concert were worlds apart, in content and in performance. One would have preferred to ignore the first part entirely: it was damaging to Barshai's name as a man of sound musical judgement. The pianist was so bad, one simply refused to believe one's ears.

Miss Devetzi played like an untalented pupil. She confused tempi, showed no sense of direction and brought out nothing of what Beethoven had in mind. She had nothing to say and what she did say was incredibly bad. One must ask how could such a pianist be invited from *abroad*?

Barshai had his share in the failure. The orchestral introduction seemed a shadow of Beethoven. In previous concerts Barshai often slightly overdid volume. This time he went to the other extreme. The introduction was drained of blood. Tempi were slow and details isolated. There was neither motion nor flow. As for the second movement, I have never heard such a slow tempo.

With the performance of the Shostakovich symphony, the situation changed completely. The symphony is a moving piece of pessimistic and gloomy moods, something unusual in Soviet music. Barshai was completely in his element. Here and there, he did overemphasize as in the pianoissimo, which became almost inaudible.

The performance was deeply absorbing. The two soloists were excellent: Heather Harper has a Russian diction as natural as one could wish, and Peter Lagger gave the bass part all the necessary Slavic depth and breadth. In spite of my admiration for Miss Harper, I would like to ask why Netania Davrath, whose mastery of Russian music is unquestionable and who has sung the symphony with the Chamber Ensemble before with great success, was not invited to sing here?

Finally, there was one other disturbing aspect to this concert: will German classical music and contemporary Russian music remain Mr. Barshai's main, or rather only topic?

JERUSALEM ART NOTES/Meir Ronnen

CHAVA PRESSBURGER, trained in Prague and Paris, lives and paints near Beersheba. Her current show of paintings is built around the use of string embedded in the paint surface, where it serves as both a decorative element and as a texture. To draw with string instead of a painted or pencilled line is an excellent idea (if not a new one), but *only in one largely blue work does* Pressburger escape the decorative and use the string as a drawn line which both defines areas and shapes and conforms to a broad concept of linear design. Most of the other paintings are merely pretty. (Engel Gallery, Rehov Shlomzion, Jerusalem). Till Thursday.

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CINEMAS

Tel Aviv 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

Allenby: Kelly's Heroes 6.45, 9.25; **Ben Yehuda:** Rabbi Jacob 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Chen:** Roller Coaster; **Cinema One:** For a few Dollars More; **Drive-In:** Ship of Fools 5.30, 7.30; A Bridge too far 9.30; **Cinema Two:** The Decameron 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Hod:** Ransom 4.40, 7.30, 9.30; **Lisor:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Maxim:** Savage World; **Mograbi:** Rocky 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Ophir:** The Deep 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Paris:** 12 Chairs 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Oriy:** Face to Face 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Peer:** The good Earth 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Dekel:** The Deep 7, 9.30; **Studio:** Bobby Deerfield, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Aviv:** Gone with the Wind 4, 8; **Esther:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Cinema Shabaff:** New York, New York 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tchelet:** Catch 22; **Tel Aviv:** 20,000 Leagues under the Sea; **Gordon:** Rose et Frederic; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Hester Street 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; **Zafon:** Cet obscur Objet du desire; **Royal:** Swinging Couple 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Gat:** Islands in the Stream

Ramat Gan

Armon: 20,000 Leagues under the Sea 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Hadar:** La Femme fidele 4, 7.15, 9.30; **LSH:** Amici Miei; **Oasis:** Gone with the Wind 4, 8; **Ordea:** Death Dive 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** Harry and Walter go to New York 7.15, 9.30; **Rama:** Secrets of a Super Stud, 7.15, 9.30

Herzliya

David: Annie Hall 7, 9.30; **Tiferet:** The Crime Busters 4, 7.15, 9.30

Petah Tikva

Shalom: Logan's Run 3.30, 7.15, 9.30

Netanya

Esther: Savage World 4.30, 7, 9.15

Jerusalem 4, 7, 9

Arnon: Day Love Affair; **Eden:** The Cop in Blue Jeans; **Edison:** Magboor 4, 8; **Habirah:** The Good, the Bad & the Ugly 5.45, 8.45; **Jerusalem:** M.A.S.H. 7, 9; **Mitchel:** New York, New York 6.30, 9.15; **Orgil:** Carrie 4, 6.45, 9; **Orion:** Keoma 4, 6.30, 9; **Orna:** It's Alive; **Ron:** 12 Chairs; **Semadar:** Dr. Zhivago 8

Haifa 4, 6.45, 9

Amphitheatre: Face to the Wind; **Armon:** La Tulipe noire; **Atzmon:** The Deep 6.45, 9; **Chen:** Diamond Pedlars; **Mivtzi:** My Erotic Wife; **Moriah:** Funny People 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Sweet Hostage; **Orion:** The Virgin of San Tropez; **Oriy:** Airport '77; **Peer:** Sound for Glory 6.15, 9; **Ron:** Face to Face 6.30, 9; **Shavit:** The Eagle has landed 6.45, 9

ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 Morning concert — Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 6; Mozart: Piano Concerto in D Major, K. 537: Coronation (Barenboim); Schubert: Symphony No. 9 in C Major (Karl Boehm)
10.15 Special Education
10.40 Problems concerning senior citizens
11.35 Demonstration of the Arab violin
12.05 (Stereo): Miriam Ganor, piano — Beethoven: Sonata No. 26 in E-flat major: Les Adieux; Jelena Bonderenko violin; Avraham Bornstein, viola — Mozart: Duo in D Major; *Martinu: 3 Madrigals*
13.00 Khachaturian: Cello Concerto (Christine Valevska, Eliyahu Inbal); Dvorak: Five Slavonic Dances
14.10 Literary party
15.55 Notes on a new book
16.05 Shostakovich: Symphony No. 7, Leningrad
17.20 Music quiz
20.30 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra with Sergiu Comissiona conducting, with Michael Maisky, cello; Netanya Davrat, soprano — Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major; Lalo: Cello Concerto in D Major; Lavry: Song of Songs: Excerpts; Kodaly: Hary Janos Suite
23.00 Radio drama
00.10 Choral groups sing-Britten: Five Flower Songs; Lassus: Moreskes; Britten: Choir Dances from Gloriana

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs
14.10 Around the World through song
15.05 Sephardi songs
16.10 Open Door — Entertainment with Yehuda Elboim, Talia Dagan, "Nothing Lasts Forever, Habibi" singing troupe
17.10 Court House
18.43 Sports commentary
19.00 People and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading: Isaiah 33, 34
20.05 Broadcasting Hour
21.05 Cantorial music
22.05 Weekly journal on religious life
23.05 The Apple and the Tree — discussion of problems between parents and children. Listeners can call 03-266225 to ask questions of a psychologist in the studio.

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Yigal Ilem talks about important problems in the history of Zionism
9.05 Morning Party — Music; "Red Line": Listeners may call 03-822292 the moment something newsworthy happens
12.05 Songs, regards
12.45 Fifteen Minutes — a brief survey of current events in Israel and around the world
13.05 Hebrew songs
13.30 "5708" — recordings of the events of 30 years ago
16.05 High Voltage — jokes, satire, gags with Yehuda Barkan
18.05 Doctors answer listeners' questions on health
19.05 Zvi Shapira interviews O.C. Navy Aluf Michael Barkai
19.50 "5708" (repeat)
20.05 Progressive music
20.55 Lesson in spoken Arabic
21.05 Music
21.30 University on the Air — Important problems in the history of Zionism (repeat)
22.05 Tonight — Interviews, discussion
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli Yisraeli
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	FM:	91.3	95.5
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	FM:	89.4	103.2
B'sheba area	AM:	576	936
	FM:	88.3	103.2
Safed area	AM:	576	843
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to Nahariya: 8.10, 12.00, 15.00, 18.00.

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to Jerusalem: 7.30.
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to Jerusalem: 6.54, 15.37.
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to Nahariya: 6.20, 9.06*, 13.14, 16.06, 17.29.
to Beersheba & Dimona: 15.37.

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1445 El Al 564 Teheran
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1520 Air France 192 Paris
1545 Thy 824 Istanbul
1550 Sterling 657 Copenhagen, Athens
1730 KLM 525 Amsterdam
1805 Swissair 332 Zurich
1825 Cyprair 302 Larnaca
1835 TWA 810 Boston, Paris, Rome, Athens
1850 British Air 484 London
1855 Olympic 301 Athens
1905 El Al 556 Rome
1935 El Al 558 Frankfurt
2000 El Al 316 London
2025 El Al 335 Amsterdam
2105 Air France 136 Paris
2115 El Al 326 Paris, Zurich
2140 El Al 542 Athens
2215 El Al 514 Johannesburg, Nairobi

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0700 Swissair 333 Zurich
0710 TWA 811 Rome, Paris, Boston
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0800 El Al 001 New York
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0940 El Al 337 Amsterdam
0950 Sabena 202 Brussels
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1130 El Al 385 Rome
1140 Tarom 246 Bucharest
1330 Capitol SPL Houston
1425 Alitalia 732 Rome
1440 Austrian 712 Vienna
1505 Olympic 304 Athens
1550 Lufthansa 607 Munich, Frankfurt
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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Israeli Artists 1977; Homage to Marc Chagall; The Sensuous Line: Jules Pascin drawings; Herbert Distel: The Museum of Drawers; Johannes Itten: What is a Self-portrait?; Lego in the Israel Museum. Visiting hours: **Israel Museum:** Sun. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 4-10 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Shrine of the Book, Billy Rose Art Garden:** Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Rockefeller Museum:** Sun. — Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets for Sat. and holidays must be purchased in advance at the Museum, Cahana or major Jerusalem hotels; in Tel Aviv at Rococo, Hadran and Kastel.

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1. Medical Centre. Tours in English at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon, leaving from the Kennedy Building. No charge. Buses 19 and 27.
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Emunah — National Religious Women's Organization, Tourist Centre, 26 Rehov Ben Maimon. Tel. 02-63468, 30630, 811588.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schneller Wood, Romema. Tel. 314822, 7.30 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Michael Gross 1955-1977; Tribute to Marc Chagall; Selection from the Museum's collection of Israeli Art. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, Giorgio Morandi: Etchings; Milton Glaser: Graphic Design. Visiting Hours: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.); Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Library 10 a.m.-1 p.m.), Sat. 7-11 p.m.

Ha'aretz Museum Tel Aviv
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3) **Museum of the History of Tel Aviv-Yafo** (27 Rehov Bialik)
4) **The Israel Theatre Museum.** (3 Rehov Melchett)

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Hadassah Club, Dan Hotel, Tel. 241111, 226224.

Haifa

Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Office, 209 Rehov Hameginim. Tel. 642461, 664976.

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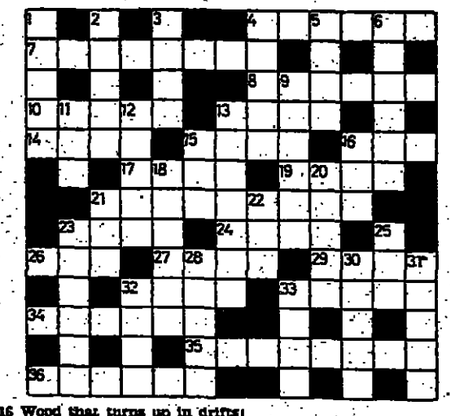
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Bird giving a wild shriek (6)
7 Sleazy place where a girl will show an ankle (3, 5)
8 Hardy, yet warmly covered (8)
10 Not much of a spectacle, we hear (5)
13 Stare at a torn page (4)
14 So a lawyer helps with the washing (4)
15 Pals, maybe, with their heads in the clouds? (4)
16 A mobility difficulty? (3)
17 Don't repeat that number! (2, 3)
19 A pressman needs it to do his work (4)
21 Ice? (4, 5)
23 Angry enough to shun mankind (4)
24 Participant in model sailing (4)
26 Tested a coin? (3)
27 Noble Hatener to a number (4)
29 Run consecutively? (4)
32 Deity in orbit. (4)
33 A light picture (5)
34 High-pitched yet quiet murmuring stream (6)
35 Organ stops! (3, 5)
36 Vegetables, of course (6)

DOWN
1 The quality of many a wench (5)
2 Had to be admitted (5)
3 Move a large stone (4)
4 Bind parts up (5)
5 Storm, in a fashion (4)
6 Brusque refusal from a key pit, we hear (4, 2)
9 Contretemps with superior cliques (6)
11 A sound beverage (3)
12 A clan involved in navigation (5)
13 Frowns at the electric lights (7)
15 Also, Dan looks shifty (3)
16 Wood that turns up in drifts (3)
18 Trial for a new loader (6)
20 Grim figure on watch for a bottle (5)
21 Struck by the degree of whiteness (3)
22 A £50 total (3)
23 Writhe around and weaken (6)
25 Write very little (2)
28 City of laser development (5)
30 Villainous rouge manufacturer (5)
31 A letter or so from a body (5)
32 Cheese lovers (4)
33 Youngsters sometimes full of pie (4)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
4 Garments (6)
7 Food item (8)
8 Loved dearly (6)
10 Wander (5)
13 Reared (4)
14 Fancied player (4)
15 Snatch (4)
16 Breed of dog, in short (3)
17 Arm-bone (4)
19 Declare (4)
21 Carnage (9)
23 Mental powers (4)
24 Departs (4)
26 Sleep, slang (3)
27 Woody growth (4)
29 Stumble (4)
32 Chief (4)
33 Steam-bath (5)
34 Liquids (6)
35 Likely (8)
36 Vegetables (6)

DOWN
1 Out of order (5)
2 Frighten (3)
3 Fighting force (4)
4 Jewelled headdress (5)
5 Well-behaved (4)
6 Quake (6)
9 Discussion (6)
11 Beverage (3)
12 Grown-up (5)
13 Roasted (7)
15 Animal (3)
16 For each (3)
18 Endured (6)
20 Match (5)
21 Small taste (3)
22 Gardening-tool (3)
23 Wood (6)
25 Come first (3)
28 Coarse files (5)
30 Dance (5)
31 Lost colour (5)
32 Female deer (4)
33 Convulsive cries (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Will-is. 7, Lunch-eon. 8, Fare. 10, Meadow. 11, Angel-O. 14, Wet. 16, Nyle-N. 17, Du-N'-N. 19, Totem. 21, Dated. 22, He-man. 23, R-ink. 26, Vital. 28, Cod. 29, Rallc. 30, Ra-boon. 31, Abet. 32, Catching. 33, Sitter.
DOWN.—1, Wer-me-d. 2, L-ead-en. 3, Slow. 4, Scanned. 5, Level(rev). 6, Union. 8, Fawn. 9, Rot. 12, Gym. 13, Le-ok-s. 15, To-tal. 18, UnEt. 19, Ta-M. 20, Ten(rev). 21, Delight. 22, Hal. 23, Re-Bert. 24, Idol. 25, Kinder. 26, Vine. 27, Taste. 28, Cab. 30, Bags.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—1, Puppet. 7, Infinite. 8, Burn. 10, Storey. 11, Cigars. 14, Led. 16, Relay. 17, Need. 19, Bacon. 21, Wigon. 22, Dingy. 23, Dish. 26, Habit. 28, Hut. 29, Alight. 30, Direct. 31, Apex. 32, Decorous. 33, Hushed.
DOWN.—1, Prison. 2, Poured. 3, Tiny. 4, Pig-iron. 5, Vital. 6, Messy. 8, Bole. 9, Red. 12, Gen. 13, Rakes. 15, Baggy. 18, Equal. 19, Ban. 20, Cot. 21, Withers. 22, Dig. 23, Duress. 24, Ibex. 25, Hatred. 26, Handy. 27, Birch. 28, Hip. 30, Dash.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market 'booms' again; two earlier ones were followed by 'busts'

TEL AVIV. — The market boomed again yesterday, the first trading day of the new calendar year. This is the third boom — the first two were followed by precipitous busts — within a few months.

A full 75 shares rose by five per cent to become "buyers only" without finding any sellers. Another 35 shares, which are not limited by a five per cent rise, rose by five to ten per cent, finding buyers along the way.

Two shares were "sellers only," falling by five per cent without finding any buyers. These two "lame ducks" were Argaman preferred registered, which fell from 294 to 280, and Lapidot registered, which fell from 1,780 to 1,690.

However, despite the boom, the turnover was a low IL51.3m., compared to IL46.1m. on the last day of trading in 1977. During the days of the big boom, turnover was about three times as much. The turnover in convertibles was IL6m., compared to IL6.2m. last Thursday.

As usual when there is a boom — or a bust — the explanations are various. One is that after drawing up their end-of-the-year accounts, some people found they had spare money to play with. Another supposition is that the banks are the principal buyers, and are "warming up" the general public for another general rise.

The largest turnover was registered by Bank Leumi, which rose by four points to 406, with a turnover of 2,100,000. Other leaders were Mizrahi bearer, which remained firm at 295, with a turnover of 600,000. An identical turnover was chalked up by Dead Sea, but this share rose by 45 points to 718.

Hapoalim bearer and IDB preferred "A" both had turnovers of 500,000, the first rose by five points to 465, the latter remained firm at 253.

The largest rise was chalked up by Delek bearer, up by 9.8 per cent to 450, with a turnover of only 15,000. Electra rose by seven per cent to 430, again with a small turnover of only 5,000. Electricity rose by 6.8 per cent to 392 with a turnover of 35,000.

As is usual when stocks go up, index-linked went down. The loss for 100-per cent and 80-per cent linked was about half a per cent, but 90-per cent rose by half a per cent. Optionals rose by about one per cent, with a turnover of IL10.7m.

Both dollar-linked and shares traded in dollars were mixed, with small turnovers.

The 100 basis of the Share Index will from now on be based on the prices of Dec. 22, 1977.

Most Active Issues

Bank Leumi	406+4	IL2,100,000
Mizrahi	n.c. 295	IL600,000
Dead Sea	718+45	IL600,000
Turnover:		IL51.3m.
Convertibles:		IL6m.
Share index up 2.07%, to 112.80		

		2.1.78	29.12.77
DOLLAR-LINKED DEBENTURES			
5% Dead Sea	b	2110	2174
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	796	786
6% Electric Corp. B.	r	539	539
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS			
Hollis 22		119	118.5
C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)			
Absorp. 1966 (1)	b	1054	1031
Absorp. 1967 (1)	b	1031	1011
Bit. 1968 (41)	b	481.5	489.5
Bit 1969 (41)	b	387	380
Bit. 1969 6.5% (68)	b	530.1	544.6
Bit. 1969 6.5% (91)	b	448.9	439.2
OPTIONALS			
Dev. 296	b	500	494.5
Dev. 313	b	496	481.5
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	374.2	374.2
CONVERTIBLES			
10% IDB		—	—
15% Mizrahi (2)	r	329	309
7% Leumi (5)	b	316	308
10% Delek	r	230	215
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	b	315	313.5
BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	368	356
I.D.B. pref.	r	548	520
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	401	401
Union "A"	r	810	771
Discount "A"	r	780	730
United Mizrahi	b	300	298
Hapoalim	b	465	460
Leumi "A"	r	406	402
Gen. Mortgage	b	641	622
Dev. & Mortgage	b	421	383
Housing Mortg.	b	351	334
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Tefahot	b	600.5	570
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Aryeh	r	724.5	690
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Paz	b	385	370
Wolfson - IL10	b	191	181.5
Ampa	r	195	195
Discount	b	505	481
United Mizrahi	b	375	370
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Piryon	r	418	398
Export Bank		198.5	189
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Ehrlich might welcome pressure to pare budget

Budget makes no provision for contingencies

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It seems that after Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich's preliminary discussions of the upcoming budget with the Knesset Finance Committee, he would welcome pressure from the Committee to cut the budget down to about IL180b. This is reported by sources close to the Committee.

Ehrlich was unable to persuade his Cabinet colleagues to accept a budget of less than the IL182b. approved by the Government after the initial Treasury proposal of IL180b. had been rejected.

Explaining the budget to the Finance Committee, Ehrlich had not much new to reveal, but he said that the budgetary reserve did not allow for any unforeseen Government expenditures. If any unexpected needs should arise, he said, these would have to be covered by cuts in other expenditures and not by overrunning the budget. Members of the Finance Committee also feel that there is too little leeway in the budget, and that expenditures must therefore be cut to allow for contingencies without increasing total Government spending.

As reported yesterday, a senior Treasury official said that there will be no way out of submitting a supplementary budget later in the year, unless the real level of expenditure as reflected in the present budget is cut down.

The Minister told the Finance Committee that the Treasury will honour its commitments regarding transfer payments, that it will maintain the level of public services, and increase the development budget. It will cut subsidies and reduce the Government's role in the economy.

Ehrlich said that welfare payments will rise eight per cent next year, in real terms. Among the causes of this increase he noted the statistical aging of the population. At the same time, public consumption will also go up by four per cent. The Treasury hopes to mobilize IL30b. from new debentures.

Ehrlich also said that the abolition of various taxes will cost the Treasury some IL5.7b. in lost revenue. He hoped this would be made up for by intensified collection of VAT, the sale of Government corporations and Government-owned land.

MK David Golomb (DMC) said that an interim budget should have been submitted and that, if peace is attained, it will in any case be necessary to prepare a new budget. He also asked that the budget be cut by IL2b., and that all wage agreements be reconsidered.

MK Meir Cohen (Likud) suggested that the repayment of Government bonds be postponed and that the sale of Government-owned land should be stepped up.

Avraham Melamed (NRP) spoke out for a cut in expenditures, especially in defence — but he also wanted the bureaucracy trimmed down.

Danny Rosolio (Alignment) argued that a discussion of the 1978/79 budget made no sense without first discussing the supplementary budget for the current fiscal year. He warned that the sale of Government land might lead to speculation.

Eliezer Avtebbi (NRP) proposed the preparation of a multi-annual budget designed to fight inflation. Naftali Fedder (Alignment) was against the sale of Government land, saying that this would not increase revenue. He also argued that the recent raise of VAT was regressive.

Ex-Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz (Alignment) said that the debate was really superfluous, since no underlying data had been presented. He also said that the floating of the pound was pulling the wool over the eyes of the public and that the pound for the time being refused to be devalued of its own accord.

Haim Kaufman of the Likud wanted more tax officials engaged under special contracts and demanded parliamentary supervision of the National Insurance Institute.

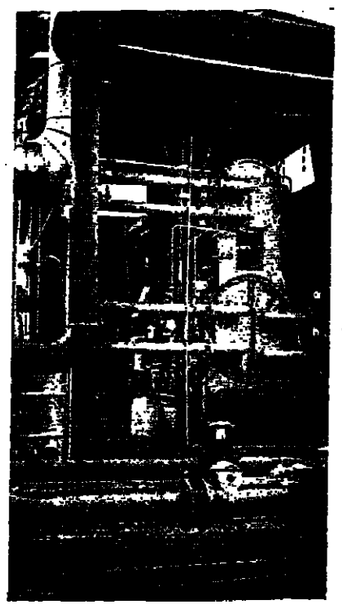
Yigael Cohen-Orgad (Likud) said that the inability of the Finance Committee to influence the size of the budget should not be exaggerated. Most committee members agreed that this year, more than in any other, the committee would be able to exert substantial influence.

The chairman of the committee, Shlomo Lorincz of Agudat Yisrael, also asked for a multi-annual budget. At the same time he pointed out that with all the talk about cutting down on Government staff, the numbers were growing constantly. He also thought that IL2-3b. should be cut from the budget.

Finance Minister Ehrlich, in his reply, said that the Rabinowitz period had been a favoured period for exporters and that the pound had fallen because its present value was what exporters had, in fact, been getting previously.

Deputy-Finance Minister Yehezkel Flomin told the committee that the Treasury had weighed postponing the repayment of Government debentures. Experience had shown, however, that whenever a choice of immediate or later repayment had been offered, only a small proportion of bond owners held on to them.

He also said that a scheme will be worked out soon to compensate large families for recent price increases.



Large field of sun ray collectors on factory building (left) provides energy for air-conditioning unit (right) and for heating and hot water units. (Marton)

Tadiran's 'Applied Solar Device'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tadiran yesterday unveiled its "triple jackpot" — in the words of the head of the company, Elkana Caspi — an "applied solar device" (ASD) which heats houses in the winter, cools them in summer, and provides year-round hot water.

"I am confident that we are years ahead of any other commercial product in the world of the same type," Caspi said. "Our big problem at present is setting up the production facilities to meet the demand here and abroad. We may licence foreign firms in order to keep up with demand."

The ASD admittedly works best in the "sun belt" around the world, which includes most of the U.S. south of the 42nd parallel, and the European countries bordering on the Mediterranean. The mountainous parts of Switzerland, which are high and have considerable sunshine, are also part of the "belt."

For a few days a year, when the sun does not shine, ASD-equipped houses will need supplementary energy sources, to provide its three functions. It does, however, have an "energy storage" device, to tide it over short periods.

The ASD will heat water up to 70-90 degrees centigrade and, cool water down to four to 12 degrees centigrade. Home heating and cooling systems (air conditioning) work directly from the hot or cold water. Both are regulated by electronic controls.

An American engineer, Joe Bourne, of Syracuse, N.Y., was especially "imported" to plan the break-through features which made it possible to derive cold water from solar energy.

"I managed to accomplish in eight months in Israel what it would have taken years to do in the U.S.," he told *The Jerusalem Post*. "In the U.S., I couldn't persuade anybody to embark on revolutionary methods of thinking. My hardest work in Israel consisted in outwitting and bypassing the 25 patents I already hold in the U.S., so that I could go ahead here without infringing on my own patents."

"Today, we at Tadiran are five years ahead of the U.S.," Bourne said. He worked closely with Dr. Yehuda Lando, who headed the ASD project. Dr. Akiva Meir heads Tadiran's overall scientific planning.

The ASD is only for large buildings, such as hospitals, factories, and multi-unit apartment houses. It comes in two sizes, the "50 ton" and the "250 ton."

Each "ton" can provide for about 25 square metres of floor space, so the smaller unit (figuring about 100 square metres of floor space) is suited for an apartment house with about 12 apartments. The larger unit will service about 4,000 square metres of commercial (or hospital) space, where the energy needs are greater.

The smaller unit, intended for Israel, will cost about IL2m., the larger unit, intended for abroad, will cost between $1m. and $1.5m.

"The savings provided by each unit will amortize the cost in four or five years. After that the customer has a profit," Dr. Meir said. He added that "the solar plates are made of long-lasting copper, which greatly outlives steel plates and lasts for at least 15 years."

The Tadiran team began planning ASD immediately after the Yom Kippur War, with its sudden skyrocketting of oil prices. Actual intensive work started three years ago.

The Ministry of Industry granted the plan the status of a "national project," which means it covered a considerable part of the financing.

'Sidewalk retailers' pose problem

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Street peddlers perform a public service, or create a public nuisance — it all depends on your viewpoint.

"Either way," said a Hebrew University official yesterday, "we wish they would go away and set up shop elsewhere."

He was commenting on an incident Sunday, when one of the curbstone merchants outside the university gates attacked two municipal inspectors who had approached him to issue a summons for vending without a licence. The two inspectors gave chase, but the peddler got away.

"It's a delicate problem," the HU official told *The Jerusalem Post*. "On the one hand, it is unlawful to make sales to the public outside the gates. But on the other hand, it is darned convenient to have a peddler around to sell you a candy bar or a pack of chewing gum, while you are waiting for the bus. The only alternative is walking all the way across the campus lawn to find one of the campus kiosks open and then walk all the way back to the gate."

Nevertheless, the official emphasized, the university was "opposed in principle" to peddling outside its gates, though it does not have the legal power to remove peddlers; only the police can order them away since they are outside the campus.

"But we are thinking of holding one or two arts-and-crafts fairs in the spring and summer, where students will be able to sell their wares and make some money," the official said.

For the Jerusalem Merchants Association, unlicensed peddling is a serious problem. "The municipality is falling down on the job of controlling those people," Avraham Birnbaum, association secretary, told *The Post* yesterday.

"They are definitely unfair competition. They buy manufacturers' surpluses and second-grade merchandise, and sell it to the unwary public. Their prices are low because they do not have to pay rent, municipal business taxes or VAT. We have repeatedly complained. But the Chief Municipal Inspector's Office is not making any headway at controlling them, it seems."

According to Birnbaum, naive persons who buy from unlicensed peddlers have only themselves to blame if the articles later turn out to be worthless or inferior.

"There is nobody to complain to, since these so-called retailers move from place to place like gypsies and you can never find them twice in the same place," he said.

How the stock market performed last year

TEL AVIV. — The turnover on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange stood at IL18,068m. in 1977, compared to IL5,563m. in 1976, the spokesman of the exchange, Natan Shiloh, announced yesterday.

(The two figures are actually not comparable, since the value of the Israel pound fell considerably in 1977. Nevertheless, they are an indication of the growth of trading.)

Of the IL18,068m., IL11,345m. was in shares, IL1,290.5m. was in convertibles, IL5,307m. was in debentures of various kinds, and IL124m. was in short-term loans.

During 1977, some IL6,574.3m. was raised in "new capital" on the exchange by the sale of shares. Another $91.8m. was also raised by the sale of dollar-linked shares.

Of the IL6,574.3m., the largest chunk of the capital, IL3,794. 7m. was raised by the sale of shares and convertibles, and another IL637.6m. was raised in options.

Of the shares and convertibles (a total of IL3,794.7m.), commercial banks raised the largest portion, IL2,818.6m., followed by industry, IL349.3m., investment companies, IL193.4m., insurance firms, IL180.06m., and mortgage companies, IL171.4m. The rest was raised by all other categories.

The General Index of Stocks, figured on the basis of 100 on December 23, 1976, rose by 104.9 points, to 204.9, for all stocks.

The leaders, however, were mortgage banks, which rose by 196.83 points to 296.83, insurance, up 121.71 points to 221.71 points, and commercial banks, up 105.42 points to 205.42 points.

The least gains were made by industrials, which rose by only 50.68 points to 150.68 points.

Emirates last year sold $9.65b. worth of oil

ABU DHABI. (Reuter). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) last year exported a total of 750.01m. barrels of oil valued at 37.800b. dirhams ($9.65b.), according to official estimates published here yesterday.

The estimates, issued by the Emirates News Agency, showed that 84.8 per cent of the exports were from Abu Dhabi, 13.3 per cent from Dubai, and 1.9 per cent from Sarjah.

Japan topped the list of UAE oil importers, followed by France, the U.S., Britain and Italy, the agency added.

Law to curb conflicts of interest in fund management

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The bank's ability to hurt the interests of private investors through large-scale operations in the capital markets would be curtailed under a series of laws and amendments proposed by Yitzhak Cohen-Orgad (Likud).

The banks are expected to oppose Cohen-Orgad's measures.

One proposed change would prevent a situation whereby an "economic relationship" between the manager of a unit investment trust and the fund's trustee would prevent the trustee from acting in the interests of the investors.

The responsibilities of the trustee is to supervise the portfolio selections and the general investment policy of the fund by the manager.

According to MK Cohen-Orgad, the present situation is unsatisfactory, because both the trustee and the manager are under the same control (of the bank.)

He proposes to separate the interests of the investment trust's management and trustee functions. His law would give existing funds 18 months to make the changes.

Another bill would require all corporations listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to issue quarterly as well as annual financial statements, even if they are unaudited.

At present, only annual statements are required, and these are frequently published six months late — which Cohen-Orgad claims, gives insiders an unfair advantage.

He would also require interested parties — those who take a "very heavy" position in a stock — either as buyers or sellers — to report to the Stock Exchange directorate within 48 hours of their purchase or sales.

An amendment to the Companies Law would make it illegal for a trustee in an investment trust to recommend inclusion in the fund's portfolio of securities in a company in which he has a financial interest.

New Tromasbest line

Tromasbest reports the introduction of a new line for the production of PVC coated plates, intended for such end uses as wall and ceiling coatings, and for furniture.

The know-how was obtained from a leading German firm. The Germans are guiding the Israelis in new applications, which include the coating of wood with PVC. The plates, available in a wide range of colours and patterns are heat and acid resistant, impervious to damage by scratching and maintain their high luster.

Board to check Jasmine mishap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Transport Ministry yesterday appointed a board of enquiry to investigate why Zim's new container ship, the 'Jasmine,' developed a 40-degree list on her maiden voyage on December 9.

The board consists of four men: Dr. Dan Khoushy, Senior Captain Nathan Shenhar, advocate Peretz Oron and captain Reuven Yatir. None of the four is a civil servant or a Zim official.

The appointment of such a board was proposed by the Transport Ministry's chief marine engineer, Dr. Paul Muench. He had earlier examined the ship and pronounced her fit to sail with a reduced cargo for three months. He also recommended giving the crew further instructions in stability regulations.

The board is to complete its report by February 1. It will investigate all possible causes of the mishap, including structural and operational faults, the qualifications of the crew, and the way the ship was loaded.

Plastics exports

Israel's plastics enterprises are planning to reach a stage where one third of production will go for exports. This goal is to be achieved in three to five years.

The Union of Plastic Industries has asked the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the creation of a special fund to help plastic producers divert their productions towards exports. The fund, according to the Union, should contain several tens of millions of pounds. Post-New Economic Policy conditions, according to Mordechai Furman, head of the Union, have made it imperative that exports be increased as soon as possible.

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Sterling	29.4656	29.2641
Swiss Fr.	7.7204	7.5647
Belgian Fr. (10)	4.7218	4.6877
Swedish Kr.	3.3113	3.2874
French Fr.	3.2937	3.2699
Danish Kr.	2.6789	2.6595
Austrian Sh. (10)	10.2241	10.1504
Dutch Fl.	8.7958	8.7468
DM	7.8568	7.8087
Italian Lire (1000)	17.7339	17.6060
Finnish M.	3.8455	3.8178
Norwegian Kr.	3.0114	2.9897
Canadian $	14.1271	14.0252
Rand	17.800	17.6722
Australian $	17.6506	17.5233
Yen (1000)	54.4870	54.0221

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Yen	289.60/00	per $
French Fr.	4.6900/00	per $
Danish Kr.	5.7700/50	per $
Swedish Kr.	4.6675/25	per $
Norwegian Kr.	5.1325/75	per $
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Peace partnership in Sinai

THERE IS a general feeling of discontent among Israelis over the ease with which Prime Minister Begin has offered, in one fell swoop, the entire Sinai peninsula — three times the size of Israel — to Egypt. The main reason for this is the lack of recognition by the other side that there is here a sizable contribution on Israel's part towards the process of reconciliation.

Egyptian spokesmen have termed that contribution "disappointing." Is it really disappointing that, within 40 days of Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, Israel's Prime Minister has proferred him every inch of the territory that Egypt claims for itself — plus concessions elsewhere for others — in return for a peace agreement which is surely as beneficial to Egypt as it is to Israel?

Israel has invested large amounts of money in Sinai. It has located and developed an oilfield at A-Tur. All that is part of the package that we have to offer.

There are rumours — unconfirmed in Israel's Energy Ministry — that the U.S. Government has asked the Neptune Company, which is working the site under a concession from the Israel National Petroleum Company, to desist from pumping oil there for the time being. That is bad advice. It puts the subject of the negotiations between the two neighbouring countries in the wrong perspective.

The most important thing that Mr. Sadat and Mr. Begin are aiming to create in Sinai is peace. Peace means that everybody goes about his business as before, despite the change of sovereignty.

If Israelis created an enterprise in Sinai that produces an exportable commodity, in this case petroleum, there is no reason why they should stop doing the good work. Royalties and taxes will go to the Egyptian instead of the Israel treasury.

Peace should mean that Israel has the same status in Egypt as any other foreign country. An Italian company was fifty-fifty partners with the Egyptians in developing the Abu Rodeis wells. An Israel company should be able to offer its services in the oil search like the Italians.

It has, after all, tapped a considerable deposit. Egypt — always assuming a peace agreement is signed — will get the not inconsiderable fiscal benefit, without having unpocketed a piastre. The Israel claim to continued activity in this sector has thus a functional basis.

And Egypt's agreement to a businesslike partnership with Israel for oil exploration and exploitation would give the most tangible verification there is to President Sadat's assertion that when he talks of peace, he means what he says.

Cry of the Retarded

AN INVESTIGATION is currently being conducted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs into the Beit Tina Home for the Retarded. The owners, Shimon and Tina Peled, may be facing charges of criminal negligence, if not worse, following the death of two boys there this autumn, allegedly due to malnutrition. It will be intriguing to see not only what the Ministry comes up with, independently of the courts, but also what it decides to do about its findings.

The fact is that Beit Tina has been under fire on more than one occasion in the recent past. After an expose in *The Jerusalem Post* seven years ago, a public committee, headed by Tel Aviv University jurist Uri Reichman, unearthed evidence of malnutrition, serious overcrowding, possible beating — and over-administration of heavy drugs.

The committee's report was presented to the late Social Welfare Minister Michael Hazani. According to Aharon Langerman, who is director-general today and was then in charge of services for Youth and Children — which includes the Service for the Retarded — substantial improvements were made as a result. The one improvement that was not made was the removal of the Peleds.

Dr. Meir Hovav, who is the present head of the Service, has sought to minimize the gravity of the situation at Beit Tina. He has suggested that the number of deaths in the institution was smaller than at Hadassah — an exceedingly strange observation, even when one grants that retarded children are easily susceptible to disease. Dr. Hovav — who is not, incidentally, a physician, nor an expert in the care of the retarded — also sought to suppress the publication last week of parts of a report by the renowned Danish expert Dr. N.A. Bank-Mikkelson, which severely criticized the general level of care for the retarded in the country.

When the truth finally came out, ministry officials sought to lay the blame on what Dr. Bank-Mikkelson described as the negative attitude of the Israeli public to the retarded. It might fairly be asked why these officials, who cannot share these attitudes, tolerated them for so long — and why they had to wait for a foreign expert to announce them.

It is true that the care of a retarded person, especially the older he and his family grows, is agonizingly complicated. It is not hard to imagine, for example, a badly overburdened nurse in an institution losing patience with a repeatedly incontinent and sometime aggressive, retarded teenager.

Children anywhere who are confined to institutions for whatever reason may suffer deprivation at best, and ill-treatment at worst. However, the public at large is not responsible for the planning nor for the maintenance of these institutions, and it cannot justly be accused of callous indifference — particularly when the houses for the retarded are as isolated and inaccessible as they so often are.

Moreover, the present public outcry about Beit Tina indicates that Israelis are perhaps not quite as callous and indifferent to the fate of the retarded as the Ministry claims.

Admittedly, it is very hard to pin down the blame. Looking back at the Service for the Retarded over the past 10 years, it appears that few people have stuck the job for very long, perhaps because it is so very demanding. But whether or not there are any individual villains to unmask, it is clear that it is the Ministry itself and as a whole that must bear the burden of responsibility for the many and indefensible services and impossible institutions for the retarded that are a mark of shame for Israel.

Dr. Israel Katz, the new Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, is a former social worker who knows how bad some of these institutions are. He also knows how shoddy some of the administrative practices were in the old Ministry of Welfare. That is why he fought so long for its absorption into a larger department of government, where universal social policies would be formulated rather than glorified charity.

It is not too much to hope that Dr. Katz will initiate without delay a programme for thoroughgoing reform in the care of the retarded.

Needed: a bold Israeli move

To prevent the promise of Middle East peace negotiations from ending up in deadlock, and possibly reversal, GABBI SHEFFER suggests the unilateral implementation by Israel of Mr. Begin's *autonomy* plan in the West Bank and Gaza.

Residents of Nablus vote in the 1972 West Bank elections. (Rub)

BOTH president Sadat and Premier Begin have been assuring their own peoples and the entire world that the process of Arab-Israel peace is irreversible. Time and again they have stated that the October War was the last war in the region. In their hope for a final end to war, many have accepted these promises as the only possible strategy from now on. But, wishful thinking aside, both in principle and from a practical strategic point of view the present process of negotiations can be reversed.

So far relatively little has taken place that could safely prevent either side from reversing the process. On the contrary, both Sadat's initiative and Begin's response have only underlined the fact that the regional powers possess greater freedom of action than is widely appreciated. By definition, this means the ability to upset almost all policies which another protagonist has initiated.

Thus in 1972 Sadat was able to eject the Russians from Egypt, in 1973 to launch the war against Israel, and to sign interim agreements in 1974 and 1975; while the previous "weak" and the present "strong" Israeli government could rebuke the country's best friends, the Americans. The conclusion is that it would be difficult to stop the two leaders from taking seemingly unexpected action again — should they decide to reverse their current policies.

Sadat could easily revive his rapport with his erstwhile patrons in the Kremlin. The Egyptian army is still equipped with Russian weapons, and despite their previous humiliation the Soviets would be more than happy to regain their bases in Egypt. The price for Sadat of such a move need not be too high. When he took the risk of a trip to Jerusalem, the Egyptian President must have figured out a way of withdrawing from the Israeli embrace: he is not known, after all, to be a reckless gambler.

Similarly, Sadat could resume his amicable relations with the Arab confrontation states. For their part, these states would only be relieved to reestablish a coalition with Egypt. The price of this move for Sadat would only be a greater Egyptian commitment to Arab solidarity. Again, it is not too exorbitant a price, given the circumstances.

Even without a sudden reversal of the present course, there is a very real possibility of an impasse in the talks. This might be due to genuine political difficulties — and it would eventually lead to a policy reversal. Since the gap between the positions of the two sides is still very wide, the crisis may occur at every turn of the negotiating road.

The main potential stumbling block is, of course, the Palestinian question. What should Israel do to prevent it from killing the chances of peace?

ONE OPTION which deserves to be carefully examined is a unilateral implementation by Israel of the autonomy plan for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Such an act (not to be confused with invitations for discussions with local dignitaries that the previous government had extended) would serve a number of functions.

First, it could represent an Israeli political initiative comparable to the Sadat visit to Jerusalem. It would be a radical departure from the traditional practice of Israel merely reacting to outside initiatives. Besides, it would dramatically demonstrate the Begin government's political credibility. With certain modifications, the autonomy plan could in fact serve as a true beginning for a solution of the Palestinian issue, in a manner on which there is now quite a sizable consensus in Israel.

No less important, such an Israeli step could pave the way either to a Jordanian agreement to join in the negotiations, or to the facilitation of a further partial agreement with Egypt. In addition, it would test the true intentions of the Palestinians — and of the Americans as well.

Finally, it would help clear the political air within Israel, because all political groups would then be compelled to react to an actual rather than to some hypothetical move.

Thus, instead of allowing an impasse in the present process, Israel would be helping it along by means of bold political initiative, which would not pose any great security problem for the country, yet would test the attitudes of all parties involved in the conflict.

Above all, however, it would test the feasibility of the autonomy plan itself.

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READERS' LETTERS

MEDITATING FOR PEACE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For the past 20 years, scientific laboratories in several countries, especially in Russia and the U.S., have done basic research on the existence of a "new" type of energy — variously called bioenergy, biogravity, psychic power, psychotronics, etc. In 1973, the first International Conference of Psychotronics was held in Czechoslovakia. Eminent scientists from many disciplines and many countries discussed the growing knowledge that man possesses of a kind of energy which can influence matter, through an act of focused consciousness.

The previously scoffed-at ideas of occult gurus are being researched very seriously. A new space race seems to be emerging between East and West, with little publicity, only this time it is inner space that man is trying to understand and utilize.

In several countries, Uri Geller has demonstrated his ability to move matter with the force of his bioenergy. In Russia, several individuals with similar psychokinetic powers have been investigated for more than 20 years. There is much evidence that the Russians have been able to train people to develop this, and other types, of psychic power.

In Israel we are woefully ignorant of this tremendous explosion of new knowledge.

What does this have to do with peace in the Middle East? After having read the results of much research in this area, including current literature on the effectiveness of this type of energy in healing, and having had some beginning experience with meditation, we are convinced that groups of concerned people can produce results by focusing their bioenergy (meditating) together towards a common goal. We would like to suggest that we find ways to interest Israelis to meditate for peace, for, say, 15 minutes at a certain time each day. If a nucleus of concerned people could be persuaded to focus, for example, on what it will feel like to live in this country with borders open to our neighbours, and to "will" peace, each day from 6:00 to 6:15 a.m., they may have real effect, both on their own lives and on the future of Israel.

We understand that there are already groups of people throughout the world who have started to meditate for peace at the same time each day. There are a growing number of essentially non-religious Israelis who (for personal growth and health) have learned to meditate daily through the system taught by Transcendental Meditation. If enough people became interested in meditating for peace, perhaps a musical or ballet presentation could be organized in the Ramat Gan Sports Stadium, dedicated to peace, wherein the entire audience would also meditate for peace together for 15 minutes.

With enough publicity, it may also be possible to motivate Arabs to meditate for peace with us.

BRACHA AND BINYAMIN YANOOV

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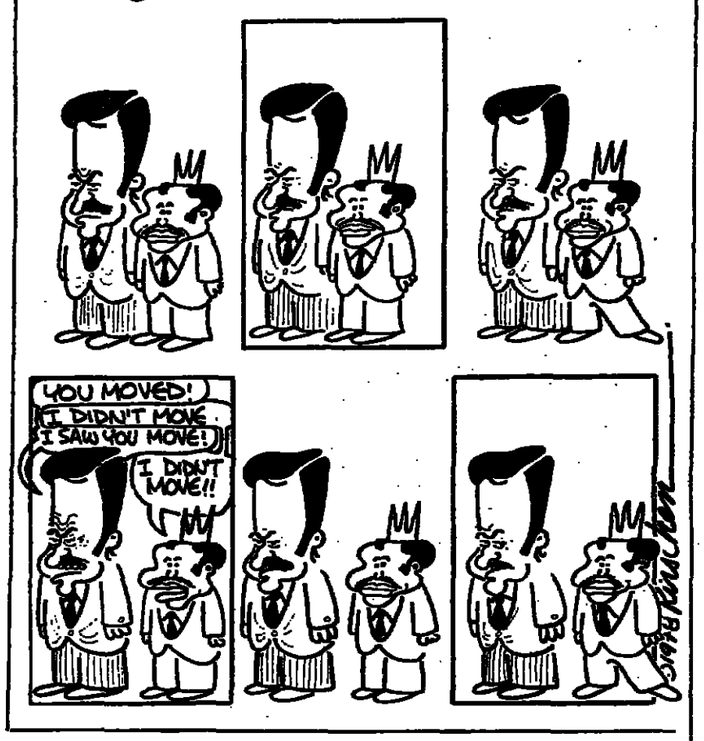

BEWARE OF DECEPTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Egypt's attitude continues to be: "Let's you compromise and let's you make concessions."

For every centimetre that Egypt steps in Israel's direction, it demands that Israel make a seven-league stride in Egypt's direction.

Israel is expected to fall all over itself in gratitude for Sadat's magnanimity in conceding Israel's right to exist. But Israel does not need his or anybody's recognition or permission to exist — Israel does exist, and that fact is in no way altered or affected by Arab recognition or non-recognition.

According to the Egyptian peace views, Israel's concessions are all *solid real estate and irreversible* (without resorting to war), whereas Egyptian concessions are all on paper — and as easily torn up.

Maybe Sadat is indeed the Egyptian Willy Brandt, as he likes to describe himself. But maybe he's the Egyptian Hitler. Maybe he's sincere and we really are working toward a genuine "just and lasting peace." And then again, maybe it's all an elaborate deception.

It must not be forgotten that this is the man who pulled off an overwhelmingly successful surprise attack against Israel in October 1973. He's a man to whom artful deception comes naturally. Hitler, whom Sadat professed to admire, fooled the entire world for years with his clever deceit and conquered most of Europe with the formula of diplomacy and propaganda backed by threat of military force.

In Israel's desperate desire for peace with her neighbours, she must be careful not to be set up for a knock-out punch.

Jerusalem. *KAREN MCKAY*

THE PROBLEM OF STRAYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a volunteer in the animal shelter, I have lately come into contact with the heartbreak and hard work of our Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Our greatest problem is, of course, the lack of funds, as we are a purely voluntary society. But that is not the problem I want to refer to here.

We get phone calls all day about stray cats and dogs which have been found, from Rishon Lezion to Netanya, and we have no possibility of picking them up. Of course, we accept them if they are brought to us.

I would like to suggest that we have a list of volunteers, with phones and cars, who would be willing, on a rotating schedule or whenever they have time, to bring those animals to us when we or the finders call them.

Will interested readers please write to me at P.O.B. 29832.

DITTA ROSENTHAL

Tel Aviv.

(See also 'Cat.cry' — page 5)

YAMIT AND PEACE

ZVI ARENSTEIN, who lives at Yamit, pleads the case for encouraging the further settlement of the area.

MENAHEM BEGIN is a man of foresight. When he proposed that the new town of Yamit and the neighbouring moshavim be put under Egyptian sovereignty after three or five years as part of a peace settlement, he certainly anticipated the reaction of residents of those areas. Hundreds of Israeli families, with immigrants from all over the world, have already established the beginnings of an Israeli enclave surrounded by a large Arab population.

The next few weeks will be decisive for the future of the Yamit area. Decisions will be made now that will determine whether the town is to prosper or fail. If Israel's leaders are not emphatic in their support, the residents will slowly leave, until the place virtually ceases to exist as a settled area.

But let us assume that, for Israel's 30th anniversary, the Prime Minister is looking for a national challenge that is tied to the Middle East's new atmosphere. Let us assume that he makes a commitment for the development of Yamit as the symbol of cooperation between Egypt and Israel. That the country begins channelling a portion of its limited resources into the project, so that after five years it will not matter under whose sovereignty Yamit sits. What was there in Yamit five years ago?

ACCORDING to news reports, there is general agreement between Egypt and Israel over the Sinai peninsula. Begin's programme, as presented to the Knesset, has left the door open for Israeli settlement in the Rafah approaches. Is it better for Israel to sit back and let the settlement now there die a quiet death, or is it better to build a strong Jewish presence there to serve as a focus for immigration, industrial, agricultural and tourist development?

Various ideas are circulating in Yamit today about how to get widespread public support to save Yamit. The impression in Israel is that Yamit should not be allowed to stand in the way of peace. A growing minority of the residents are of the opinion that a national campaign should be launched to show that it does not stand in the way of peace, but can, on the contrary, serve as a symbol of peace, a centre of cooperation between two peaceful neighbours.

During a visit to Moshav Neot Sinai, near El-Arish, last September, the prime minister expressed a desire to settle there one day. Supposing he were to announce that he is going to build his home in Yamit, as Ben-Gurion built his home at Sde Boker — as an example to the nation of support for its residents.

And suppose that Anwar Sadat were to agree — as a symbol of cooperation between the two countries — to build a home next door, a good neighbour to his new friend.

Can Uzi Narkiss, the Jewish Agency's aliya director, be persuaded that Yamit could serve as a strong attraction for immigration? Within a few months, a well-designed campaign could make Diaspora Jews see Yamit as the new Israeli priority, worthy of their support in person and in financial assistance.

Can Ra'anan Weitz, the Agency's settlement head, be persuaded to extend the South Project past el-Arish, and offer, through his department's offices in Yamit, technical cooperation in agricultural development?

Can Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Yigal Hurvitz be persuaded that the area between Yamit and el-Arish should be developed as a joint tourism zone, with luxury hotels in an exotic atmosphere that would attract visitors from Cairo and Tel Aviv — not to mention from Europe and America?

And can Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai be persuaded to offer the gas that has been found at Moshav Sadot for the development of joint Israeli-Egyptian projects in a Yamit industrial centre?

CAN THE CITIZENS of Israel be convinced that Yamit is not the price of peace, but can just as easily be turned into the symbol of peace? If massive numbers of Israelis were to start visiting the area on organized trips, they could be made to realize what a vibrant Israeli community has been created in Yamit four short years since the first ground-breaking. Possibly they could be made to understand what sort of progress could be made there in the next five years.

If Menahem Begin stands up and declares that Yamit is to be our next national goal, I, one of its residents, am convinced that the people of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora will line up behind him to promote Jewish settlement in this area of the Sinai, no matter under what sovereignty. If that happens, no one will have to encourage the development of Yamit — because no one will be able to hold it back.

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